



CAMP ADVENTURE

INFORMATION FOR COUNSELLORS

Spend the night under the stars, hear the cracking of the campfire, master the challenge of climbing, feel the enthusiasm of the kids and the youths- this is Camp Adventure!

Thank you for your interest to become part of our counsellor team in Camp Adventure!

We hope that the following information - along with our site www.campadventure.de - will be sufficient to inform you about the work as a counsellor in Camp Adventure.

We are convinced that the counsellors play the most important role in our camp and that a motivated and joyful team guarantees an incredibly wonderful summer for the youngsters and kids.

This is what Camp Adventure is all about: bringing together children and youths of completely different social and cultural background and show them new ways to enjoy life.

In short: they have to have fun - as much as possible!

Especially participants of families with a weak social background must have the possibility to break out of their normal way of life to enjoy an easy and unburdened stay in our camp.

Of course, the management backs all counsellors and supports them at any time and under all circumstances in their work.

We pledge high standards in cooperation with the "International Camping Fellowship" and the German association "No power to drugs".

We are neither a commercial "Robinson Club" nor an association offering boring vacation.

With our international counsellors and participants we show new ways of thinking and acting in our camps, which makes our work very satisfying for everyone.

We offer sport, action and fun in a great natural environment.

This does not only give our participants but the staff as well the opportunities to try new activities and learn new methods.

You will be prepared for your job in our 2day seminar on the campsite prior to Camp start - of course paid by Camp Adventure. This is an obligation for every new counsellor in our team.

So, come along with us and spend an exhausting, but truly interesting and joyful summer in Bavaria!

In case you need more information, don't hesitate to call or mail us!

Yours Jan



Staff FAQ's

What is expected of a counsellor in Camp Adventure?

Since we emphasize good information, we expect an official document certifying knowledge to work with youth (i.e. "Jugendleiterschein") and First Aid ("Erste Hilfe Schein"). Both have to be not older than 2 years and can be acquired in Hamburg with us without fee if you are there at least 4 weeks prior Camp start. It is possible as well to join in our team if you don't have certificates but good experiences and references from old camps/ aupairs/???... Not experienced international staff can only participate as CIT (Counsellor in Training), which costs 250 EUR for 2 weeks placement. Everybody needs to be able to join in either our weekend- training or 4 days prior to Camp start.

Which abilities are expected?

To do a good work and have fun as a counsellor in Camp Adventure, you should be motivated and able to resist to stress. This means to keep cool with a smile on your face even in difficult situations. The kids have to be motivated and active- with their counsellor as a good example, who himself enjoys to do things- the more individual and original, the better!

In the same time it is very important for us that you always act in full responsibility, especially with regard to all risks.

SAFETY FIRST!

Since we do want to have a team of counsellors composed by members of all age and professions, you should be tolerant and able to make compromises.

In addition to this you also should be able to organize and/or do things yourself, since the camp organizes itself autonomously- from cleaning to cooking etc.!

Am I insured as a counsellor?

Yes! Not only in case of an accident, but also in any liability cases including legal assistance. Counsellor-drivers are also insured. In accidents caused by their own fault, they have to pay a fee, which is from 300-700 EUR.

Is the time spent as a counsellor recognized as an internship?

Yes! Camp Adventure cooperates closely with Hamburg's Youth Social Service. Future social workers, teachers or other persons working with youths, will receive an official certificate at the end of their successful work as a counsellor at Camp Adventure.



How much money do I get for my work?

Work in the camp is voluntary. 45EUR pocket money will be paid to a senior counsellor for each week in the camp (unless special conditions in the contracts for internships forbid this). Since free board and meals, including little snacks and drinks at night, are provided at no costs, there is practically no way to spend money in the camp. The weekend seminar or staff training prior to camp and the Camp Adventure T-Shirt don't cost anything either. Your legal status in the camp is that of an intern or volunteers. International staff may receive a percentage of their flight costs instead of the pocket money. This needs to be discussed with our Camp Director beforehand.

How do I get to the camp (and the seminar?)?

From Hamburg the busses take you right there. There are also stops in Wülferode or Fulda.

Apart from that, everybody has to organize his own trip at his cost. Very often groups of counsellors travel together in one car. For those who arrive by train or plane, we arrange a transfer to the camp. (Airport Munich; Train station Ingolstadt or Augsburg)

Whom do I take care of in the camp?

You are responsible for a group of 6 youths, 11-15 years old, living in one tent. This means that you incorporate big brother/sister, friend and parents in one person.

You take all meals together with "your" children and are responsible for their going to bed and their waking up.

For these youths YOU are the most important person in the camp and represent the one they will discuss with all kinds of problems. Very often this can be the beginning of true friendship between the counsellor and the kids. However, this doesn't mean that you have to be together with them all day long (see the program), since you are also in charge of other kids before noon and during certain group activities.

The youths have completely different social and cultural backgrounds. There are children of diplomats, but others of families in a very difficult social situation.

About 75% are Germans the others come from all kinds of different nations.

All participants have to find a way to get along together and YOU have to help them to do so, so that a compromise between the extremes can be found, which will help the youths in their life in general.

Who else is member of the Camp Adventure team?

The counsellors too have completely different professional backgrounds: university graduates meet carpenters, future social workers etc. of almost all ages, although most of them are in their mid twenties, such as Jan Vieth himself, the director and founder of Camp Adventure.

Moritz Braun, a "first hour combatant" of Camp Adventure who is in charge of the counsellors, assists him.



Antje tries to organize the chaos of Camp Adventure in the office.

Which are my duties apart leading and organizing sport or cultural activities?

Cleaning, shopping and cooking have to be done by all participants of the camp. This means that EVERYBODY is obliged to do his best to keep the camp clean and provide good meals. The duties are distributed among the tent groups in a rotation system.

YOU as the responsible of your tent group have to watch that they are done properly. Of course with your help!

Hygiene: not only the tent has to be proper, but the kids too!

You must especially watch out that the young kids change their clothes, wash themselves, brush their teeth and take showers.

How many counsellors and youths are in the camp?

Adventure Camp:

There are about 25 counsellors and coaches and about 130 children and youths in the camp, which is composed by different kinds: Minicamp, Camp Adventure Classic, Leadership Challenge Camp.

This means that we have less than 6 children for 1 counsellor!

Beachcamp:

Each group consists of 45-90 kids with 7-12 counsellors.

The English teacher of ESDC and the 2 surf teachers, both good companions, help out, whenever it is necessary.

When and where does the camp take place?

Adventure Camp:

All camps take place on a huge camping ground near Neuburg/Danube in Bavaria, Southern Germany. The ground is exclusively rented by Camp Adventure, so that there are no other groups.

The dates are the following: 21.07.-27.07.08 (Minicamp), 21.07.-04.08.08 and 05.08.-19.08.08 (Camp Adventure Classic), 28.07.-04.08.08 (Leadership International Challenge Camp) and the Newcomer Camp from 20.08.-26.08.08.

You can work in the camp for 2, 4, 5 or even 6 weeks, but you cannot begin or/and end your work in the middle of one camp.

So please indicate precisely, in which camp(s) you want to work from the beginning to the end.

3 days before the first and 3 days after the last camp we also need helpers to build and dismantle the camp.



Beachcamp:

This takes place on the ground of the Youth Camp near Grömitz/Baltic Sea in Northern Germany. In this Youth Camp may be up to 800 kids, but our beachcamp is separate of the main camp.

The dates are the following: 28.07-07.08., 08.08.-18.08. and 19.08.-25.08.2008.

How does a typical day look like?

Adventure Camp:

After breakfast it is time for the one hour S-projects. You will direct one of your specialised activities (such as archery, MTB, climbing at the wall, craft work etc.), chosen by the youths in the beginning of the camp.

The XXL projects will follow (for instance: kayak, canoe, climbing in the mountain, lifeguard training), for which there is more time reserved than for the S-projects.

After a week the projects will change.

For more details about the projects click "Program" on our homepage.

After lunch there will be a break for one hour, which is reserved for team briefing, relaxing, doing duties with the tent group, planning common activities (such as mountain biking) or writing letters.

After dinner, free sports or games, will be offered by you, according to your abilities and interest.

Beachcamp:

According to the choices of the kids (Beachvolleyball, Beachsoccer, English, Surf, Arts, Skating/BMX, Acrobatic), the participants will be divided in groups:

One group surfs after breakfast, the other(s) learn English or skating.

In the afternoon the groups change.

Morning- and evening-circles always take place together, as well as the meals and the evening activities (disco, camp fire etc).

Typical Day

Adventure Camp:

Time	Activity
8.30	breakfast
9.30	S-project
10.45	XXL-project
13.00	lunch & relax
15.00	tent group
17.00	free sports
18.00	dinner
19.00	evening activities
21.15	end of the program
22.00	bedtime



Explanations:

Projects are activities, which always take place in the same group. In the beginning of the camp the kids choose 2 S-projects, each for one week and 1 or 2 XXL-projects for 2 weeks (like lifesaving).

Tent-group means that you spend this time with the group of children who sleep in one tent and for whom you are in charge. You choose with them the activity you and they want to share in the group, such as climbing, canoeing etc.)

Free Sports means that every kid who is in the camp can meet and share with any other participants any activity offered. (Soccer, volleyball, writing letters, hikes or just chilling in the grass...)

Evening activities will sometimes be shared by the whole camp in common, or just by the tent group.

Beachcamp:

Time:	Activity
8.00	breakfast
9.00	in groups: English, surfing, skating, beach volleyball, arts, BMX, beachsoccer, acrobatic
12.00	XXL project
13.00	lunch and relax
14.00	in different groups: see above
17.00	all together: different activities, relaxing
18.00	dinner
19.00	evening activities
21.15	end of the program
22.00	bedtime

Particularities of the Adventure Camp Program

Our overnight hike for every participant

Always 2 tent groups will make together one hike in Bavarian nature from noon until the following morning. You will spend the night under the stars in plain nature, which means pure adventure! Older tent groups may be going for 2 nights.

What do I have to do to become counsellor?

Simply download the application form, fill it out and send or fax it, accompanied by a photo and eventually additional papers.

After receiving your application, we'll get in contact with you.

References of your previous work or voluntary activities are helpful, but not an obligation.



**See you soon in Camp
Adventure!**