

# Camp Rodef Shalom

## ASSISTANT CAMPER CARE SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION



**Location:** Temple Rodef Shalom Falls Church, VA

**Reports to:** Camp Director

**Dates:** \* June 12, 2023-July 28, 2023, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm \*Flexible start date

### **Background**

Camp Rodef Shalom is a 5-week Jewish day camp in the heart of Falls Church, Virginia with over 40 years of history. With campers ranging in age from 4 to 12 years old, we offer a wide variety of activities and trips throughout the summer. Camp Rodef Shalom values inclusion and supports both campers and staff.

### **Position Summary:**

Camp Rodef Shalom is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic, experienced, compassionate, and fun assistant camper care specialist to join our Leadership Team this summer! The assistant camper care specialist supports our camper care specialist in being our experts on childhood development and social and emotional behaviors. They work closely with leadership team members and all counselors to ensure an amazing, safe, and inclusive summer experience is had by all our campers. The assistant camper care specialist must be able to lead, be a role model, problem solve, work as a team member, mentor and excite while ensuring all campers and staff are participating fully, safe and enjoying camp!

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be 20 before 9/30/2023; high school degree or equivalent and prior work or education experience in education, social work, psychology, special education, child development or related field required, knowledge of Camp TRS a plus
- Experience working with children and/or teens ages 4-16 in an educational or recreational setting, a commitment to inclusion and an understanding of age-appropriate behaviors is required
- Must have strong oral and communication skills, High-level organizational skills and the ability to communicate efficiently with campers, staff and parents, as well as maintain proper documentation and confidentiality
- First aid and CPR training is required (training will be provided by camp)
- Must be a team-player able to: multitask, manage time efficiently, effectively problem solve
- Model compassion, empathy, and support. Exhibit daily flexibility in line with our informal, social, and highly spirited camp culture.
- Must be able to participate in physical activity for the duration of the camp day: be on feet for most of the day, be outside in heat and sun, participate in activities and field trips, swim with campers in pool, stay for late nights, etc.

### **Essential Responsibilities:**

#### **CAMPERS (4-12 years old)**

- Assist the camper care specialist to provide extra support to campers, especially those that have disclosed cognitive or social behaviors that may have an impact on their camp experience
- Partner with the camper care specialist, leadership team and staff to meet the individual needs of all campers, especially those who struggle to adjust to the camp community
- Observe staff and campers in bunk settings to provide extra support where needed
- Assist in the management and supervision of our "Chill Out Room" containing relaxation toys, stress relievers, and sensory items
- Document observation notes in our confidential database

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- Facilitate camper success: relationship-building and social skills in group settings
- Produce materials to assist campers in being successful at camp: create schedules, games etc.
- Participate as a full member of the Assistant Leadership Team; this includes pre-camp meetings, pre-week, all morning & 2 afternoon meetings a week, and camp-wide events.
- Work with our camper care specialist to maintain communications (phone calls and emails) with parents to create a warm, welcoming, family-style culture

### Contact Information:

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