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CAMP NURSE – YMCA CAMP PEPIN

Spend your summer as a member of the healthcare team at YMCA Camp Pepin and gain valuable experience in medication administration and management, first aid treatment, advising on medical situations, and more. Serving as Camp Pepin's on-site nurse, you will oversee the safety and health of all campers and staff, as well as manage all administrative responsibilities related to medical care at camp.

AT A GLANCE:

Position: Healthcare Director – Part of the leadership staff, reports to Camp Director

Required Qualifications: Candidates are preferred to be a licensed registered nurse, physician's assistant, practical nurse, athletic trainer, or EMT/paramedic/Wilderness First Responder. For candidates that do not hold these qualifications, Camp Pepin is willing to assist the candidate with the cost of an approved Wilderness First Responder course (\$900 value) to meet these requirements.

Compensation: Starting at \$500/week + room and board

Dates of Employment: June 5 to August 12

Related Areas of Study: Nursing, Pre-Med, Exercise Science

On-site Supervisor: Camp Director, Erik Burton

OUR VISION:

YMCA Camp Pepin aims to offer an unparalleled sense of community in which all participants (campers AND staff), regardless of ability, culture, gender, race, religion, or background, are valued and active members. Through a variety of activities, participants are empowered to contribute to a shared community and experience the benefits inherent in a society based on collaboration, respect, and responsibility. Camp Pepin programs prepare their campers for the future by introducing and fostering the skills needed to be healthy contributing citizens of the world.

ABOUT US:

YMCA Camp Pepin is a co-ed summer camp located in Stockholm, WI, on the shores of Lake Pepin. The 40-acre camp hosts hundreds of youths (ages 4-17) mostly from Minnesota and Wisconsin each summer, with a weekly average of 50 to 70 campers participating in overnight programming, and another 20 to 40 participating in our weekly Day Camp sessions. All of this would not be possible without an incredible team of 20 to 30 young adults from all around the world who work as our counselors and leadership staff and strive to make each summer the best summer ever for everyone involved.

YMCA Camp Pepin has been providing summer entertainment for youth for over 85 years – offering unforgettable experiences for generation after generation. Our unique location on Lake Pepin provides a stunning backdrop for all our exciting activities. With around 60 campers each week, we could be considered a relatively small summer camp; but we believe we have a lasting impact on the campers and staff who spend their summers at Camp Pepin. The close-knit community feel of camp serves as an encouraging and welcoming environment for anyone to learn more about themselves and what they are capable of, and provides participants opportunities to interact, engage with, and befriend people who may be different than them.

The fun, excitement, and adventure never end at Camp Pepin, thanks to facilities like our waterfront, ropes course, zipline course and climbing tower, target range, or 18-hole disc golf course – just to name a few. Paired with enriching and engaging programs like Mad Science, Creative Writing, Languages, or Martial Arts – all led by knowledgeable and passionate instructors – everyone is bound to find something they are interested in or have always been curious about. When it comes time to leave Camp Pepin each summer, our goal is to send off our campers and staff with a renewed sense of respect for themselves, others, and the natural world around them.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The nurses at Camp Pepin play a crucial role in the success of our summer. As the camp's on-site nurse, your most common task would be treating the daily bumps, bites, and bruises that naturally occur at camp. That being said, it's possible that a more significant injury or illness could occur, which is where your true expertise comes into play. Our nurses are NOT responsible for performing any major medical procedures, but for controlling a situation and consulting with camp leadership on the best course of action – is an ambulance needed? Do they just need to drink water and rest?

Another major responsibility of our camp nurse is the distribution and documentation of medications to campers and underage staff. All medications are safely stored and secured in the Health Office, and it is the nurse's responsibility to administer medications as needed. This usually entails a med check at morning flagpole/breakfast, lunch, dinner, and bedtime. All medication administration must be documented in our official medical log, which is made easy by our online administration system that is built into our camp management software.

It's required that our nurses at Camp Pepin live on site while camp is in session, in order to be available in an emergency (camp runs from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon). The position comes with significant responsibility and importance, but life at camp for our nurse is a pretty sweet gig. You are provided all of your meals, as well as your own private air-conditioned apartment, and have the Health Office at your disposal. Your fellow staff are from all over the world and are some of the best people you'll meet! And honestly, you can't beat living at a summer camp. Our view of Lake Pepin is stunning, and the daily activities and performances serve as constant entertainment each day. The camp nurse is the perfect role to gain hands-on experience in the medical field, while also playing a pivotal role in the impact that summer camp can have on our campers.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide health care to meet individual needs of camp staff and campers.
 - Collaborate with other medical staff to meet these needs.
 - Follow healthcare policies and procedures as described in the Healthcare Manual.
- Organize, maintain, and utilize adequate resources for serving the health and medical needs of all campers/staff.
- Maintain accurate and detailed medical records according to state and American Camping Association standards.
 - Ensure staff and camper health information is current and on file.
 - Prepare and utilize daily medical log for treatment and medications.
 - Communicate with parents regarding any concerns or treatment.
 - Prepare and record insurance and accident report forms.
- Oversee first aid procedures and supplies.
 - Inventory and maintain all first aid kits throughout camp, including vehicles, kitchen, offices, waterfront, activity areas, and off-site trips.
 - Ensure supplies are well stocked and distributed as needed.
 - Fulfill duties during an emergency, as outlined by our Emergency Action Plan.
- Ensure staff are prepared for and understand their role in their own healthcare, as well as of the campers.
 - Educate staff on the risks of dehydration, heat exhaustion, sunburn, or excessive bug bites; encourage strategies to minimize these risks.
 - Serve as a resource for staff regarding mental health concerns for both themselves and their campers.
- Supervise the screening of all campers and staff upon arrival to camp.
 - Verify health history.
 - Verify emergency contacts and authorizations.
 - Identify any observable evidence of illness or communicable diseases.
 - Securely store all medications used by campers or staff.
- Supervise sanitary conditions throughout camp.
 - Observe daily cleanliness in the food service area, and other areas around camp.
 - Report any issues or concerns to the Camp Director.

If you are interested, or if you would like more information about the position, please contact the Camp Director, Erik Burton, at eburton@redwingymca.org