
CAMP COUNSELOR RESUME

Camp counselors organize and lead activities at recreation facilities such as schools, parks, forests, aquatic centers, and even senior centers. These individuals plan the day's events and instruct participants in the rules of the activities. They must be prepared to assist people with a wide range of skill levels. A camp counselor is also responsible for the safety of his or her team, able to enforce safety rules and have a working knowledge of basic first aid.

A camp counselor resume should focus on the particular qualifications for the job. Grade point averages and diplomas are impressive but more important are certifications relevant to the position. The National Recreation and Park Association offers four levels of certification, as does the American Camp Association. These courses can often be completed online and generally need to be renewed each year. Other significant certifications are medical in nature such as CPR, lifesaving, basic first aid, etc. This can be obtained at the local YMCA or Red Cross office. These certifications are very desirable to employers, especially when the job involves water-related activities. Three separate camp counselor resume format options are presented below, each one designed to assist individuals at a different level of work experience.

Entry-Level Resume

While some positions require a bachelor's degree, a camp counselor can be an excellent entry-level position and many teenagers use it as their first form of employment. In lieu of prior work experience, education and certification are critical to prove the applicant has an upstanding character and can be trusted with the care and supervision of younger campers. Having attended camp in the past can also be beneficial. In the camp counselor resume example below, Ms. Aldren uses her babysitting experience to demonstrate her ability to engage younger children in educational and entertaining activities. She also mentions her previous attendance at Camp GUYASUTA.

Lisa Aldren

CAMP COUNSELOR RESUME

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SUMMARY:

Energetic and fun-loving camp counselor candidate seeks opportunity to create memorable camp experiences. Experienced camper desires to participate in organization and instruction of activities. Very creative and intelligent. Willing and able to motivate large groups of people to have the maximum amount of fun this summer. Excellent communication skills.

EDUCATION:

Aspinwall High School, 2010-2014

High School Diploma

Honor Roll, 2013, 2014

RELEVANT SKILLS:

- Childcare
 - Activity planning
 - Group organizing
 - Problem-solving skills
 - Communication skills
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EXPERIENCE:

Aspinwall, 2010 – 2014

Babysitter

Supervised children of several neighborhood families, designed fun and educational activities with the purpose to entertain, ensured safety and fair play.

Camp GUYASUTA, 2007-2013

Senior Camper

Attended Camp GUYASUTA for several years, first as a Junior Camper, then as a Senior Camper. Familiar with camp policies and procedures. A firm believer in the benefits camp can have for youth development.

REFERENCES:

Mid-Level Professional Resume

Mid-level candidates are those who have worked in the field for at least three years. At this point, candidates are expected to have ample experience and the requisite certifications. They should be able to demonstrate creative ability as well as leadership skills. In the following camp counselor resume sample, Mr. Berg describes the professional skills he has obtained after working as a camp counselor for the past four years.

Bobby Berg

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Camp Counselor

Four years of creating memorable camp experiences

- **Activities:** Plan, organize, and lead campers in a wide variety of activities suitable to the age level and environment of the camp.
- **Rules:** Thoroughly explain the rules to campers and see that they are followed.
- **Safety:** Ensure camper safety both in outdoor and indoor activities, administer basic first aid when necessary

SKILLS:

- **Medical:** Basic First Aid, CPR certified
- **Wilderness:** Hiking, canoeing, building fires, basic knowledge of wilderness survival skills, etc.

GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS – Sioux City, IA

Camp Counselor, 2012 to Present

Design and direct adventure-themed activities for children aged 10-16 at Camp Goodwill.

- **Wilderness exploration:** Lead campers on hikes through the local natural parks, organize and enact overnight camping expedition for Senior Campers.
- **Fire skills:** Instruct campers in the basics of fire education including fire building, fire starting, and safe practices for preventing wild fires.
- **Arts and Crafts:** Guide campers in various art projects such as mosaic making, soapstone carving, and haiku writing.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PARKS – Saint Louis, MO

Art Camp Counselor, 2011 to 2012

Planned, conducted, and supervised art activities in a variety of art media for children aged 4 – 15.

- **Painting:** Instructed children in established painting techniques using water color, oil, and finger paints
- **Building:** Out of simple household products, constructed a wide array of items such as kites, pottery, figurines, and forts.
- **Storytelling:** Practiced the ancient art of storytelling through poetry, prose, interpretive dance and play acting.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL – St. Louis, MO

High School Diploma, 2011

Completed full high school course load with a B grade average.

Experienced Professional Resume

When a candidate has seven years of experience or more in this field, he or she is considered an experienced professional. At this point the camp counselor resume should place emphasis on skills gained and work experience first, and education last. However, at this level, candidates are expected to not only have a variety of certifications but also a bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In the camp counselor sample resume below, Mr. Celata uses his extensive education to reinforce his experience in a number of previous positions.

Rick Celata

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Camp Counselor

Highly experienced and enthusiastic camp counselor applicant seeks new opportunity to showcase skills and lead campers in educational and inspiring activities. Trained in a number of medical and first aid practices. Apt at working efficiently and solving problems calmly under stressful conditions, including emergency situations. Excellent motivation and communication skills.

Wilderness survival | Certified in Basic First Aid | Certified in CPR

Enforcement of rules and regulations | Communication skills

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Philadelphia Zoo – **Wildlife Warriors Camp Counselor**, Philadelphia, PA
2009-Present

Timber Ridge Treatment Center – **Wilderness Instructor**, Gold Hill, NC

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2005-2009

Childtime – **Summer Camp Counselor**, Raleigh, NC

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2004-2005

North Carolina State University – **Bachelor of Arts, Social Work**

Enloe High School – **High School Diploma**

Completed a full high school course load with a C+ grade average.

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2001 – 2005

1998 – 2001

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