

Camp Escapades

Staff and Volunteer Job Descriptions

Pediatric Therapy Network, a non-profit children's therapy center located in Torrance, is offering a summer day camp for children with special needs (including Autism, Down's Syndrome and developmental delay). We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic, and fun-loving volunteers and staff to work with our campers.

This unique, integrated camp was created for children ages 4 to 13 years of age. It is designed to offer campers a variety of fun and zany activities, which will foster skills such as fine and gross motor abilities, socialization, pre-sports skills, and language.

If you are the type of person who likes children and who wants to have a fun, yet meaningful experience this summer, we hope you will consider the following positions. Hiring priority will be given to those who can work all three weeks, and **all positions require at least a one-week commitment.**

Group Co-Leader:

This is a paid position in which a minimum of a bachelor's degree is recommended. Prior experience working at Camp Escapades and/or extensive experience working with children with special needs is preferred. This position is the primary assistant to the group leader and requires initiative, leadership, and foresight. This person must also be prepared to lead the group if the Group Leader is unavailable.

Counselor:

This is a paid position in which a high school diploma is required unless he or she is a senior in high school with prior experience working with Camp Escapades in this capacity. This position helps the group leader and co-leader and acts as a mentor for Counselors-in-Training and Volunteers. The counselor may also be given additional responsibilities such as escorting campers to the restroom, leading games and songs, and overseeing less-experienced volunteers.

Counselor-in-Training:

This is a volunteer position in which he or she needs to be 13-18 years old with prior experience in Camp Escapades or extensive knowledge and experience with this population. This position helps the group co-leader or counselor while interacting with the campers and brainstorming ideas to encourage campers to join in and have fun. Interviews for this position may be required.

Volunteer:

Volunteers are ages 13 and older. This position supports staff and campers and is a flexible position. However, we do prefer that volunteers work a minimum of a full week for consistency. As a volunteer, he or she may be asked to shadow or mentor a camper throughout the day or help out with special projects and/or events. Prior volunteer experience working with children is recommended but not required.

Camp Escapades will be held for three weeks beginning August 4th through August 22nd, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, with a half-day session from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are also asking for volunteers to work the week before camp to assist in set-up. All staff and volunteers will be expected to read, sign, and uphold the Camp Escapades *Code of Conduct*.

If you would need more information, please call the Camp Hotline at (310) 328-0693 ext. 354. You may also contact us via e-mail at campstaff@PTNMail.org. We also recommend checking the Camp Website at www.campescapades.org for updates and frequently asked questions.