Volunteer Community Mentor
2020 CampOUT! Volunteer Position Summary

Term: Orientation Weekend June 6-7, CampOUT! July 1-6, 2020
Locations: Pre and post-camp meetings held in Vancouver, Leader Training & CampOUT! held on Gambier Island (unceded Squamish territory)

Background
CampOUT! is a leadership and learning summer camp for queer, trans, Two-Spirit, questioning, and allied youth ages 14-21 from across British Columbia & the Yukon. The camp is held on the unceded Coast Salish territory of Gambier Island. Affiliated with the University of British Columbia, the camp provides opportunities to develop leadership skills, build self-esteem, foster hope and resilience, and connect with resources to support health and well-being (physical, mental, social, sexual, educational, and spiritual). Participants return to their home communities with new skills, resources, and friendships. CampOUT! provides a supportive space for LGBTQ2S+ youth to celebrate and be celebrated for who they are. For more information, visit http://campout.ubc.ca/.

Job Description
Volunteer Community Mentors will be responsible for assisting with the planning, preparation, execution, wrap up, and evaluation of CampOUT! programming based on the duties outlined below. Volunteers facilitate workshops and/or activities that connect to the annual theme of CampOUT! Volunteers support Cabin Leaders in the care and supervision of campers, and are required to inform appropriate staff when camper needs are not being met. Volunteers live and sleep in shared rooms separate from campers. Volunteers also participate fully in the intergenerational camp experience as program support, role models, liaisons, and resources to the camp community.

Requirements
• Ability to attend Leadership Team Orientation in Vancouver (June 6-7, 2020)
• Ability to stay on Gambier Island for CampOUT! operation dates (July 1-6, 2020)
• Sign a confidentiality agreement and provide information for CampOUT! to obtain a Criminal Record Check, as sensitive information will be engaged with throughout the position
• Must comply with the CampOUT! Community Agreement (no sex, alcohol, or drug use permitted during your time at cam!)"},null,
Duties

- Facilitate 1-2 workshops or activities and contribute to the overall CampOUT! curriculum
- Act as a role model for both Cabin Leaders and campers by modelling positive behaviour, specifically by complying with all University of British Columbia rules, camp safety policies, and our CampOUT! Community Agreement
- Assist the Camp Director, Program Committee, and Community Mentors in delivering camp programming and related outreach activities
- Act as a resource for Cabin Leaders and campers
- Support and mentor Cabin Leaders in delivering excellent leadership in all areas of camp life
- Support Campers and Cabin Leaders during activity transition periods (wake-ups, meal times, program transitions, free time, evening programs, cabin time, and bedtime)
- Discern clear boundaries, and practice mentorship by maintaining positive and appropriate relationships with camp youth before, during, and after camp (in person and online)
- Participate fully in the experience of CampOUT! by joining us punctually for all meals and attending the daily programming during camp
- Encourage campers, in words and actions, to participate as fully as possible in all parts of camp
- Participate in the youth-centered CampOUT! experience by facilitating connections outside of scheduled programming (for example: a meal or free time period is a great opportunity to initiate an impromptu game, group conversation, or making yourself approachable to campers by reading/relaxing/sitting in a common space)
- Act creatively and with initiative to respond to camper's social and emotional support needs
- Immediately report any incidents, injuries, or illnesses of camp participants to Camp Director & Care Team
- Inform Camp Director of any difficulties or unusual situations that occur

Qualifications

- Strong interest in intersectional social justice
- Ability to work well with others
- Knowledge of issues facing queer and trans youth
- Strong interest in being an ally to all marginalized communities
- Excellent organizational and planning skills
- Strong communication skills
- Good listening skills and sound judgment
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work well with others and to work independently, taking initiative when necessary
- Previous summer camp leadership experience is an asset
- Previous youth leadership or mentoring experience is an asset

Organizational Status

CampOUT! is housed in the Dean of Education’s Office (DNSO), under the Faculty of Education of the University of British Columbia. DNSO provides CampOUT! with a supportive institutional infrastructure, operational resources and numerous opportunities to collaborate and build new relationships across communities. By supporting CampOUT! DNSO is helping to fulfill the University’s commitment to foster safer learning spaces and strengthen community outreach both at the Institute and on campus.

Volunteer Community Mentors report to the Camp Director and work in collaboration with Cabin Leaders, the Care Team, other Volunteer Community Mentors, as well as UBC Staff. Volunteer Community Mentors act as one of the primary point persons for the campers and Cabin Leaders for the cabin they are assigned to. They refer and accompany campers and Cabin Leaders to Care Team and/or supervisors regarding any issues outside of their area of expertise.
Supervision Received
Works with and under the supervision and general direction of the CampOUT! Camp Director. Receives guidance, training, encouragement and feedback from Camp Director and UBC Staff. Works independently and collaboratively with all leaders. Consults with supervisor on matters which depart from established policy or procedures.

Working Conditions
Rustic summer camp environment during July 1-6. Accommodation has beds and electricity; bathrooms have hot water, showers, electricity. There is a full kitchen and common area available to the whole leadership team. Cabin Leaders share a cabin with another Cabin Leader and 8-12 campers. Meals are served in a large dining hall and workshops are delivered in a range of indoor and outdoor locations.

Consequence of Error/Judgment
Volunteer Community Mentors play a key role in maintaining the safety of CampOUT! and have a direct impact on the experiences of youth attending the camp as well as the Leadership Team. Volunteers may deal with unique situations requiring sound judgment, strong boundaries and discretion. The consequence of error is high and incorrect actions at and post camp could negatively impact the safety of camp participants and negatively impact the reputation of the camp, the Faculty of Education, community partners and the University.

Application
To apply, complete these steps by March 1:

1. Fill out the Volunteer (Community Mentor) application form
2. Fill out a copy of the Request For Proposals form here: (http://campout_arts.sites.olt.ubc.ca/volunteer-at-camp/request-for-proposals/)
3. Email the Request for Proposals form and any applicable accompanying documents to the campout(dot)director(at)ubc.ca by March 15th.

An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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