Girl Scouts Overseas Wellness Counselor –
Camp Lachenwald, Grafenwoehr, Germany
August 3-16, 2020

Position Type: Temporary Staff

Pay: US $650, plus meals and accommodation.
   *(Travel expenses and visa support are not included. Pay will be received during camp.)*

Join us for an outdoor adventure at a USA Girl Scouts Overseas camp, where girls aged 7-17 can unplug, learn new skills, discover their sense of self, and test new-found independence in a safe, girl-led environment. With camp experiences packed full of Girl Scout traditions and exciting activities from art and music to high adventure and STEM, there’s something for everyone at camp this year!

USA Girl Scouts Overseas is looking to hire an energetic, creative team of staff to join us at our residential summer camp, ‘Camp Lachenwald’ at Grafenwoehr, Germany, from August 3-16, 2020. Accommodation is provided in tents and rustic cabins with electricity, hot showers and running water. All meals are provided.

Our team is an international mix of people from around the world. We strive to have a diverse staff, providing campers with opportunities for cultural exchange. Staff are caring and compassionate people who can see a spark in a camper and encourage her to pursue her talents and dreams. We are looking for people who can fill our campers with confidence, so they are stronger and more courageous when they leave camp. You do not need to have any experience with Scouts or Guides - just a love for working with children and the outdoors!

Position Summary:
The camp wellness counselor reports to the camp director and is responsible for overseeing the emotional wellness, health, and safety of campers and staff.

For many of our campers, Camp Lachenwald will be their first time away from home. Homesickness and other insecurities or concerns may surface during this time. Girls Scouts encourage girls to be strong, independent young women, and the wellness counselor is there to help them achieve this during camp.

Responsibilities include:
- Provide support and coping strategies to girls dealing with homesickness and other non-physical conditions during camp.
- Design and facilitate staff training workshop (1-2hrs) related to supporting campers’ emotional welfare, including how to identify and cope with girls who may need extra TLC during camp.
• Build rapport and trust quickly with campers; provide a calm, grounded, supportive and non-judgmental presence
• Create and maintain a safe, comfortable, inviting space for girls to express their concerns
• Model healthy communication, mutual respect, appropriate boundary-setting and self-care practices; maintain confidentiality while working and living in a tight-knit community
• Assist nurse with health center duties when necessary, including set up, inventory and shut down of the camp health center.
• Be guided in all actions by the Girl Scout Mission, Promise, and Law.

Qualifications:

• Licensed therapist, LCSW or equivalent
• Knowledge of and practice with therapeutic tools/resources to help campers move through challenging thoughts/feelings
• Strong emotional intelligence and dedication to support girls on their unique paths to personal growth
• Experience working with children, teens and adults
• Must pass a criminal record background check
• Girl Scout/Girl Guide experience a plus
• Acceptance of the Girl Scout Promise and Law and a registered member of Girl Scouts of the USA

Essential Skills and Abilities:

• Able to walk long distances in varying terrain.
• Able to lift 50 pounds
• Able to assess and respond quickly and with good judgment in a crisis
• Works well under pressure, meeting multiple and sometimes competing deadlines
• Maintains accurate records and consistently meets deadlines
• Strong verbal and written communication skills

To Apply:

• Complete staff application
• Send resume, passport copy and 2 references
• Copy of license

*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of personnel.

Questions? Please send them to overseascustomercare@girlscouts.org