

Preston Parks & Recreation is hiring for Summer Camp Counselors. Camp Counselor applicants must be 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2022.

In order for an application to be accepted, it must be accompanied by a completed questionnaire (either Questionnaire for Returning Camp Counselors or Questionnaire for New Camp Counselors). Resumes are not mandatory but are highly encouraged.

Applications & questionnaires are available online at www.preston-ct.org

Applications are due by April 29, 2022

Applications & questionnaires may be mailed to Preston Parks & Recreation, 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365, dropped off in person at the Preston Parks & Recreation office at Town Hall or emailed to recreation@preston-ct.org

Any questions, please contact the Preston Parks & Recreation Department by phone at (860) 887-5581 x113 or email recreation@preston-ct.org

Preston Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Counselor

Basic information:

- Applicants must be 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2022
- Experience supervising children's activities a plus but not required
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Available for most of the summer
 - Mandatory staff training will take place June 27 – July 1, 2022
 - Summer Camp dates are July 5 – August 12, 2022
- Enjoy working with kids of all ages

Essential Requirements:

- Love kids
- Ability to teach and lead various recreational activities
- Excellent character, integrity, and adaptability
- Ability to communicate and work with a variety of age and skill levels
- The desire and ability to work in a cooperative, team-oriented atmosphere
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor and self-control
- Energetic, fun-loving, and hardworking
- Be able and willing to maintain constant supervision of campers
- Ability to be flexible and adaptable to changing situations and children's needs.
- Willing to get wet every day.

Counselor Responsibilities:

- Counselors are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of children enrolled in our summer day camp program.
- Expected to serve as appropriate role models by interacting with campers and participating in camp activities.
- Learn the likes and dislikes of each camper
- Recognize and respond to opportunities for group problem solving
- Provide opportunities for the group so that each individual experiences success while at camp
- Encourage respect for personal property, camp equipment and facilities
- Set a good example for campers in all areas, including cleanliness, punctuality, clean-up chores, rules, and sportsmanship
- Guide campers in participating successfully in all aspects of camp activities
- Observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness and, if needed, apply appropriate behavior-management techniques
- Help plan, organize, and implement camp activities and projects
- Meet and communicate regularly with Director regarding concerns, updates, and challenges

And the three most important qualities you must possess...

- Tons of energy (and we mean tons!!)
- A willingness to make a fool of yourself for the sake of making a kid smile
- A desire to have fun