

Beyond Akeela Program Director

Location: Rindge, NH (Franklin Pierce University)

Term: June 15 – August 3, 2022

Program Description

Beyond Akeela is an overnight teen program that supports and develops the social-emotional, organizational, and independent living skills of teens preparing to transition to college. Set on a college campus, Beyond Akeela teens gain experience with dorm living, navigating a college campus, and managing their daily schedule with coaching and mentorship from an experienced group of young professionals.

Daily activities include community service opportunities, traditional camp activities, dedicated exercise time, teen talks, and exciting day trips. All the while they'll be cooking for each other, doing their own laundry, managing budgets, developing meaningful peer connections, and having conversations about teen appropriate topics to reflect on their readiness for college. For more information, see our website at <http://beyondakeela.com>.

Job Description

The Beyond Akeela Program Director plays an essential role in executing the Beyond Akeela program and curriculum. They are the master keeper of the camp schedule and ensure that there are appropriate staffing and other resources available for each activity. They communicate with staff about daily time off, and ensure staff have what they need to be successful when facilitating an activity.

Another important element to the job is the logistics and coordination of the program. The program requires great organization and planning on the move. This is especially true on day trips when the Program Director is often responsible for leading a trip out of camp. They are responsible for making decisions that keep in mind the health, safety, and well-being of staff and campers when out of camp.

The Program Director is also responsible for facilitating the collection of data of camper progress and regression throughout the summer. The program director creates and executes systems that make it easy for the leadership team and staff to track and report on camper progress.

A Qualified Program Director...

- Has at least a bachelor's degree.
- Has direct work experience with youth on the autism spectrum.
- Is confident utilizing basic Microsoft Office applications, primarily Excel and Word.
- Possesses excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Is comfortable making logistical decisions in high pressure moments.
- Manages their time well and is comfortable balancing a variety of tasks and responsibilities.
- Is confident leading and facilitating conversations on topics such as nutrition, healthy relationships, college social life, etc.
- Has the ability to live and work in a stimulating and high stress work environment with irregular hours including early mornings and evenings.
- Must be willing to live in a communal dorm environment with teen campers and young adult staff members.
- Must be comfortable working on feet for extended periods of time.

Compensation / Benefits

- Meals and housing fully covered for duration of term. All staff members live on site for their term at camp.
- \$3500-\$5500 salary, based on level of experience and qualifications.
- Travel stipend for assistance getting to/from camp.
- Unparalleled hands-on experience with students on autism spectrum disorder in residential setting.
- Membership with American Camp Association, including discounts at outfitters like Chaco, Keen, and others.
- An opportunity to grow your professional/personal network of like-minded professionals working in related fields.