

Chanco on the James

Job Description

Job Title: **Ropes Course Instructor**
Classification: *Exempt (Seasonal)*
Reports to: *Summer Camp Director*

Position Purpose:

To further the mission of the camp through the development and delivery of adventure challenge activities at the camp. Deliver adventure challenge activities that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers' age and abilities. Assist in the physical operation of the adventure challenge facilities and equipment.

Essential Job Functions:

1. Help deliver a fun adventure challenge program to campers.
 - ♦ Deliver progressive adventure challenge program activities.
 - ♦ Expand the camp's activities with new games and initiatives.
2. Ensure that camp staff and campers know and follow safety and educational procedures in adventure challenge.
 - ♦ Provide guidelines for a program utilizing the initiatives and the challenge course.
 - ♦ Help train staff and campers in their adventure challenge responsibilities including spotting.
 - ♦ Ensure campers and staff follow safety procedures for adventure challenge activities.
3. Assist in the care of the physical facilities and equipment in the ropes program area.
 - ♦ Conduct daily check of area and equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair.
 - ♦ Maintain the adventure challenge course equipment and elements.
 - ♦ Clean challenge course area daily keeping it free of hazards and debris.
 - ♦ Maintain usage logs on all belay ropes.

Other Job Duties:

- ♦ Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning, and leading those as assigned.
- ♦ Participate as a member of the camp staff team to deliver and supervise evening programs, special events, overnight, and other all-camp activities and camp functions.
- ♦ All other duties as may be assigned by the Summer Camp Director

Relationships:

Ropes Instructors often have direct relationships with the counseling staff and may actually serve as a Counselor with a camper group when not on duty during adventure challenge activities.

Equipment Used:

Must have a working knowledge of a top belay system, as well as general knowledge of safety equipment used when using the ropes adventure course.

Qualifications: (Minimum Qualifications and Experience)

- ♦ Must be 18 years of age.
- ♦ Current certification in challenge course operation or documented experience and training.
- ♦ Must attend Chanco's Ropes Course Training
- ♦ Current certification in first aid and CPR.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- ♦ Training and experience in teaching adventure challenge activities.
- ♦ Desire and ability to work with children outdoors.

Physical Aspects of the Position:

- ♦ Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- ♦ Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- ♦ Ability to observe staff behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate management techniques.
- ♦ Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- ♦ Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.

Some physical requirements of an adventure challenge position could be endurance including climbing, standing, some bending, stooping, and stretching. Requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate ropes course equipment and ropes course activities. Requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare, and communicate appropriate camper activities/programs and the ability to lift up to 50 lbs. Willingness to live in a camp setting and work irregular hours delivering program in the facility available. Operate with daily exposure to the sun and heat and varying environmental conditions.