



Job Description: Supervising COMS

The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes provides life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. To learn more about our organization, please visit www.nwaba.org.

Job Summary: Reporting to the Camp Spark Co-Directors, the Camp Spark Supervising COMS will deliver camp programming directly to children and youth with visual impairments at Camp Spark. The supervising COMS will serve as a mentor, coach, instructor and role model throughout all sessions they are working to O&M interns at the session.

Responsibilities

- Plan and implement instruction in orientation and mobility for campers and staff with visual impairments
- Mentor and coach O&M interns through camp experience and complete all assignments related to supervising
- Assist group leaders and counselors with campers as needed
- Complete O&M assessments alongside O&M interns
- Assist with camp activity implementation as needed
- Assist with daily living skills and instruction of campers as needed
- Provide excellent customer service to athletes, team members, partner agencies, and families with high levels of professionalism at all times
- Other duties as assigned by Camp Spark Co-Directors or Executive Director

Required Expectations

- Set a good example in all you do at camp
- Be timely in completing all pre-session planning and communication
- Demonstrate high levels of skill independently in assigned specialty areas
- Demonstrate high levels of professionalism at all times
- Refrain from possessing and using legal and illegal recreational drugs, tobacco, and alcohol during agreed upon term
- Must be a certified orientation and mobility specialist in good standing with ACVREP and able to supervise orientation and mobility specialists in training as determined by ACVREP
- Be at least 19 years or older
- Must be able to pass background checks including a check of the National Sex Offender Registry
- Ability to commit to being on duty 24/7 during the time that camp is in session
 - Camp Spark Summer Sessions (Stipend provided):



- Session 7: July 3-9, 2024 - Hull Foundation, Sandy, OR
- Session 1: July 13-19, 2024 – Linfield University, McMinnville, OR
- Session 2: July 21-27, 2024 – Washington State School for the Blind, Vancouver, WA
- Additional Sessions Available (Volunteer Position):
 - Session 3: 4:00pm on January 19 to 2:00pm on January 21, 2024
 - Camp Ghormley, Naches, WA
 - Session 6: 4:00pm on February 16 to 5:00pm on February 19, 2024
 - Hull Foundation, Sandy, OR
 - Session 4: 4:00pm on March 1 to 2:00pm on March 3, 2024
 - Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Rhododendron, OR
 - Session 5: 4:00pm on April 26 to 2:00pm on April 28, 2024
 - Camp Namanu, Sandy, OR
- Supervising COMS do not need to work all sessions but are encouraged to apply to all that they are available for
- Must have access to a laptop, computer, or tablet with Microsoft Excel and experience with Microsoft forms during sessions
- Ability to complete all virtual orientations preceding sessions. Information about virtual orientations will be provided prior to the start of the session(s).
- Ability to attend all in-person orientations for the sessions they are working
- In-person orientations will be as follows at the same location as the session:
 - For staff working session 7:
 - July 3-4, 2024
 - Staff will have some time off on July 4
 - For staff working either session 1 and/or session 2:
 - July 13-14, 2024
 - Virtual option will be available to staff not working session 1

Desired Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Ability to be moderately active and able to engage physically for 12-14 hours daily
- Ability to self-direct and work well without constant supervision
- Ability to demonstrate high levels of enthusiasm, energy, and initiative at all times
- Past experience with leading recreation or sports programs, with a specific emphasis on track and field, captaining a tandem bike, swimming, goalball, and soccer
- Ability to demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience and intermediate skill in MS Excel and Microsoft forms



- Ability to lift and carry up to 40lbs, including tandem bikes, kayaks, and other adaptive equipment on a regular basis
- Experience working with individuals with visual impairments or other physical disabilities
- Pre-professional or professional experience in visual impairments, physical education, or physical activity
- Current First Aid card and CPR training

Compensation

- Stipend will be provided for sessions 1-2 and 7, commensurate with experience
- Sessions 3-6 are volunteer positions
- Room and board will be provided during the time that camp is in session for all sessions
- Specialists will have some time off between sessions
- Seasonal:
 - Summer sessions. All summer sessions start at 8AM on the first day of the session and conclude at 2PM on the last day.
 - Session 7: July 3-9, 2024
 - Session 1: July 13-19, 2024
 - Session 2: July 21-27, 2024
 - Lodging will be provided for the following date ranges:
 - July 3-9, 2024
 - July 12-27, 2024
 - School year positions. These positions are volunteer.
 - Session 3: January 19-21, 2024
 - Session 4: March 1-3, 2024
 - Session 5: April 26-28, 2024
 - Session 6: Feb. 16-19, 2024

Application

- For consideration, please complete the staff initial application:
 - <https://nwaba.org/programs/camp-spark/camp-staff-information/>
 - Complete application, including professional references and one completed professional recommendation form
 - Complete interview process

Contact Information

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