

YMCA Day Camps

COMPANION

A DAY AS A COMPANION

Reporting to the inclusion and diversity specialist, the companion will be responsible for one to three children in need of support (e.g., with or without a specific diagnosis, with autism spectrum disorder, with a physical disability, etc.). They will work with a clientele aged 5 to 12 to provide them with a meaningful and safe camp experience. They will plan and adapt appropriate activities according to the needs of the child or children they are responsible for. They will participate in establishing and maintaining a relationship of trust and positive relationships with children, parents/guardians, and other team members.

IN THIS POSITION, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Adapting camp games in collaboration with the group counsellor;
- Facilitating the inclusion of the children you are responsible for;
- Developing and using different tools made available to you to assist your campers;
- Accompanying your campers in the water during aquatic activities;
- Ensuring the safety, comfort, and well-being of your campers;
- Communicating regularly with parents/guardians to develop and maintain a positive relationship with them and the children;
- Participating in preparatory meetings and training required for camp including weekly camp meetings and phone calls.

WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- The opportunity to develop your expertise in supporting children with different needs, in working with children, in art therapy, and more;
- The opportunity to work both indoors and outdoors (sun, swimming pool, fresh air, etc.);
- A job working with people who are passionate about camps and leisure;
- Free CPR and first aid training;
- Free DAFA training;
- The opportunity to secure year-round employment at the YMCA.
- A membership to the YMCA for the duration of your employment.



CANDIDATE PROFILE



Be at least 18 years old.



Be able to swim or be comfortable in a pool.



Have experience working with children with different needs or have completed studies in a related field (specialized education, psychoeducation, etc.).



Have experience working in a day camp (asset).



Have a good command of French and English.

KEY SKILLS

- Be able to support the growth of campers in activities;
- Participate in teamwork and ensure a good work atmosphere;
- Be responsible and adhere to YMCA ethical standards;
- Take initiative and demonstrate leadership;
- Guide, motivate and inspire campers.

FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, THE YMCA DAY CAMPS OFFER:

- **The opportunity to work at the location of your choice:** Notre-Dame-de-Grâce YMCA, Westmount YMCA, Concordia University (downtown campus), Pierrefonds Community High School, Saint-Roch (Québec City).
- **An hourly wage of \$18.**
- **Variable working hours:** Monday to Friday, mornings and late afternoons – 35 to 40 hours a week as needed.
- **Meetings and training to guide and support you:** starting in early May (signature of contract) and seven meetings during the month of June.

Duration of employment:

From June 27 to August 25, 2023*

** Some camps will end on August 11 or 18, 2023*

Do you feel like you would be a good fit for the companion job?

Then please fill in the following form:

In-person interviews will be held in February 2023. We look forward to meeting you.

