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Sunshine, Learning, Achievement & More (S.L.A.M.) Recreational Program Instructor Position Description

- Purpose:** The position of Sunshine, Learning Achievement & More (S.L.A.M.) Recreational Program Instructor supports the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region's summer program for children and youth (ages 6 -10) with learning difficulties and/or AD(H)D. This program is designed to motivate and help children gain confidence and academic success in literacy as well as make social skills gains. Children spend half the day on engaging, hands-on literacy, and social skills activities and the remaining half on recreational activities, sports and crafts. It is also designed to help volunteers gain knowledge and experience in working with children who experience difficulties learning essential academic and social skills. Therefore this position is responsible for assisting in the coordination, safety, delivery, evaluation and supervision of the S.L.A.M. Summer Program.
- Job Title:** S.L.A.M. Recreational Program Instructor
- Location:** Recreational Program Instructor (positions available: 1)
- Key Responsibilities:** The S.L.A.M. Recreational Program Instructor:
- Designs, implements and delivers the recreational components of the day of the summer program (i.e. crafts, circle games, group activities and outdoor games).
 - Plans activities that are fun and engaging for the participants
 - Ensures that plans are inclusive towards all of the participants
 - Works collaboratively with SLAM team
 - Supports the Program Head Instructor during the academic components of the day;
 - Communicates regularly with participants, program coordinator and caregivers to monitor progress;
 - Submits weekly reports to the program coordinator;
 - Agrees not to disclose information pertaining to the employer and/or participants which may be of a proprietary or confidential nature or which may be damaging to the Association;
 - Assist with moving program site as required
- Reports to:** Program Coordinator
- Length of Appointment:** The S.L.A.M. Recreational Program Instructor will serve 7 weeks in Niagara Falls/Welland during the months of July & August 2018, in addition to the planning stages prior to the beginning of programming.
- Time Commitment:** The S.L.A.M. Recreational Program Instructor position requires a minimum of 40 hours per week, working from 8:00am until 4:30pm from Monday to Friday of the Summer Program. In addition, the Recreational Program Instructor must attend the planning stages and orientation/training prior to program beginning. The program is during the months of July and August 2018.

The instructor will serve for **6 weeks in St. Catharines/Welland:**

Niagara Falls:

- July 9 – 13, 2018
- July 16 – 20, 2018
- July 23 – 27, 2018

Welland:

- July 30 – August 3, 2018
- August 13 – 17, 2018
- August 20 – 24, 2018

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- Attending coordination/planning meetings with the Program Coordinator and Program Head Instructor as necessary;
- Reporting to Program Coordinator and Program Head Instructor;
- Attending training sessions;
- Responsible for transportation to and from program locations;
- Must fill out time sheets;
- Filling out Incident/Accident forms when necessary;
- Taking initiative when assisting staff and interacting with participants;

Qualifications:

Eligible candidates for the S.L.A.M. Recreational Program Instructor position include individuals who have **earned or are in the process of earning a post-secondary degree** and have passed a criminal check. Other qualifications may include:

- First Aid/CPR (mandatory)
- **Driver's license & vehicle**

Skills/Knowledge:

Candidates should demonstrate:

- Effective group management techniques
- Previous knowledge and experience working with individuals with learning disabilities and ADHD
- Experience supporting children and their needs
- Works well with children and youth
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Has previous experience managing groups of children
- Must be **reliable**, organized, assertive, responsible and professional
- Ability to meet deadlines within a specified timeframe

Benefits:

Will develop skills related to the association

- Understanding the functions and roles of LDANR
- Identifying and utilizing community resources
- Gaining understanding of the issues and needs of the client
- Increased knowledge of Learning Disabilities and AD(H)D

Hourly Rate

\$16/hour

Support Provided:

Training for this position will take place during the week of June 25, 2018. In addition, the

program coordinator is available on an ongoing basis to answer questions and provide assistance as needed. The Recreational Program Instructor will have full access to our resource library/center for resources, tools, and games, books that would be useful for the program.

All applicants are thanked for their interested. Those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please send a cover letter and resume (***please indicate location of interest***) by
4:30pm on March 12, 2018 to:

Brittani Ali

Program Coordinator

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