

Sonshine Kid's Day Camp Counselor

Detailed Ministry Role



Sonshine Kids Day Camp Counselors are part of a Christian ministry team of 6-9 college-age women and men hosting middle/high school mission teams throughout the summer. These youth mission teams serve through ARM's home repair and Sonshine Kids day camp ministries at one of two rural Alabama mission sites. Each youth mission site has a college-aged ministry team composed of 1 Site Leader, 3-4 Sonshine Kids Day Camp Counselors, and 3-4 Construction Coordinators. The mission site is located in Tuskegee, AL (Macon County).

Roles and Responsibilities for All Interns

- Cultivate Christian community with your ministry team
- Create a safe, clean, friendly, organized, and Christ-centered youth mission experience for middle/high school student mission teams
- Manage the daily and weekly schedules of youth mission teams
- Help craft and lead a nightly worship and discipleship experience for our mission teams
- Develop and lead daily morning and lunch devotions with our mission teams
- Build meaningful relationships with the mission teams as you serve alongside them, encourage them, and model Christian discipleship
- Help our mission teams prepare meals and maintain our team hosting sites at local churches

Day Camp-Specific Ministry Role

Each youth mission site staff team has 3-4 Sonshine Kids Day Camp Counselors. The primary responsibility of the Sonshine Kids day camp ministry team is to operate a Christian day camp for approximately 30-35 children ages 6-11 who live in the community. You will serve alongside youth mission teams to lead daily activities for the kids. The day camp counselor must love interacting with children of various ages, display patience, and be organized. The ideal Sonshine Kids Day Camp Counselor. The day camp is hosted at Tuskegee Methodist where the mission teams are housed. As a part of the Sonshine Day Camp ministry team, your service will include:

- Serving one-on-one with youth mission teams and helping them implement their day camp activities.
- Helping children form and cultivate a relationship with Christ and learn the Bible.
- Building relationships with Sonshine Kids day camp children and their families.
- Working together with your fellow Sonshine Kids Day Camp Counselors to plan and coordinate daily educationally enriching activities and experiences.
- Supervising, disciplining, and mentoring children in all daily activities.
- Communicating with your Site Leader and youth mission team leaders prior to their arrival to ensure the youth mission team is adequately prepared for their week of day camp ministry. You will plan back up activities with your fellow Day Camp Counselors in case a youth mission camp team arrives unprepared.

- Planning an out of town field trip, designing a day camp shirt, creating gifts for day camp sponsors, and an end of the summer program with the day camp kids that is performed during your site's summer celebration.

Time Commitment and Schedule

- 12 weeks total (+4 days for Site Leaders)
 - 2 weeks of training - schedule set by ARM full-time staff
 - 1 week of preparation for mission teams at sites - schedule set by the site leader
 - 7 weeks of hosting mission teams - see Weekly Team Schedule below for details
 - 1 week of site closeout ending with 2 day lake retreat - schedule set by ARM full-time staff
- 15-16 hour days when mission teams are present
- Times of rest on Friday evenings/Saturdays
- Weekly Mission Team Schedule when hosting mission teams
 - Sundays, 3pm - youth mission team arrival, afternoon programs, dinner, evening programs
 - Monday-Thursday - serving with home repair and Sonshine Kids Day Camp ministries, evening programs each night
 - Friday, 9am - youth mission team departure, preparations for following week's team
 - Saturday - time of rest
- Daily Mission Team Schedule
 - 7am - Breakfast
 - 7:45am - Devotion
 - 8:30am - Depart for home repair/Sonshine Kids day camp sites
 - 12:00pm - Lunch at home repair/Sonshine Kids day camp sites with lunch devotion
 - 4:00pm - Return from home repair/Sonshine Kids day camp sites
 - 6:00pm - Dinner
 - 7:30pm - Evening Worship/Discussion/Reflection
 - 9:00pm - Free Time
 - 10:00pm - Lights Out, nightly intern team meeting

Compensation

- \$3000 Scholarship at the end of the summer with the option of raising additional scholarship support.
- Housing provided
- Most meals provided
- Mileage reimbursement for ministry-related travel in personal vehicles.

