

ARCADIA STAFF

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Apply?

- ❖ Applicants should be 19+ (male and female)
- ❖ Applicants should have skills and experience in one of the activities offered. Previous teaching experience is preferred but those who are willing to learn how to teach will be considered.
- ❖ Applicants who enjoy working with younger children (1 – 9 year olds) may also apply. Experience working with, babysitting or teaching 1 – 9 year old children is preferred.
- ❖ Applicants who have experience leading hiking and canoeing trips can apply as a Trips Counselor.

What will I be doing?

- ❖ Female counselors will be lodge counselors and will live with a co-counselor and campers. You will have responsibilities which include getting your campers up in the morning, helping with lodge clean-up, spending time with your campers and being a positive support for them.
- ❖ Male counselors do not live with campers but with other male staff. You will have daily interactions with the campers and will have additional responsibilities around camp.
- ❖ Most counselors teach four one-hour activity periods Monday through Saturday to all age groups of campers (7-17) and to the Cubs (3-6). Wednesday there are only two teaching periods and the afternoon is spent interacting with the campers at camp or on a hike. Sunday is a relaxed day with no scheduled teaching activity periods.
- ❖ Counselors who work with our youngest campers do not teach activities but support their campers in the activities and live with their campers.
- ❖ Counselors who work with staff children (Aged 3-7) do not live with the children but rather with other staff members.

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What is it like in Maine and at Arcadia?

- ❖ We are located on a 300+ acre property with a crystal clear lake and sandy beaches. The Camp is set on a fairly steep hill which you will be hiking up and down each day. The Camp is rustic which adds to the outdoor living experience.
- ❖ We are located in the small town of Casco, ME. which has a general store and sandwich/ice cream shop. There is also a small gym and a library. A larger town with shopping is about 25 minutes away and the largest city, Portland, is approximately an hour away.

What is the food like and what if I have dietary restrictions?

- ❖ Our meals are served family style which is different than a cafeteria. Typically, one main dish is provided and includes a protein, starch and vegetable. We also often have a fruit bar at breakfast and always have a salad bar at the midday and evening meals. Counselors sit at the tables with campers of all ages and table assignments are changed weekly.
- ❖ A few times per week we have outdoor meals which are a buffet and then we eat picnic style in our pine grove.
- ❖ We also offer a vegetarian option and a gluten free option for those with dietary restrictions.

What are the other staff like?

- ❖ We have an excellent counselor staff of nearly 65 (men and women) from all over the United States and other countries such as England, Canada, Ireland and Australia. We have a mix of returning counselors, campers turned counselors and new counselors. Our counselor staff typically ranges for 19 – 30 with varied backgrounds and experiences.
- ❖ We also have a staff of about 10 coordinators whose role is to provide support to our counselor staff to ensure a positive counselor experience.

Who are the Campers?

- ❖ We have approximately 160 campers aged 7-17 who come from all over the US and the world. Some campers stay for the full 7 weeks while others stay for shorter sessions (2 weeks, 2.5 weeks and 4 weeks.)
- ❖ We are proud of our very high return rate of 90% returning year after year. Once at Arcadia, the girls love it and want to return.

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How can I communicate with my friends and Family?

- ❖ Mail and package service is available five days per week for the counselor staff so you can receive incoming and send outgoing mail
- ❖ Counselors may bring cell phones to Camp for use in designated areas. Wireless internet service is provided in limited areas around camp for staff to communicate with home. Campers, however, are technology free for the summer so electronics are not permitted in the cabins, living spaces and activity areas.

Is there a staff uniform?

- ❖ Yes! All campers and counselors wear a uniform. Arcadia will provide you with uniform tops for the summer.