

## **Americans Helping Americans® Camp Counselor Description**

### **Purpose of the Organization/ Program**

Americans Helping Americans/ Cumberland Mountain Outreach Inc. Summer Camp provides a healthy outlet for children living in the impoverished regions of Beattyville, Kentucky. Many of these kids are children in low-income families, 80% are being raised by grandparents on fixed income, living in homes and trailers 20 years past their life expectancy. The Americans Helping Americans summer camp aids children in escaping their world of poverty by giving them positive and constructive camp opportunities of arts and crafts, swimming, working with others and camp projects, we call VBS.

Home repair or replacement, is our effort to make the world a better place for children to live. We recruit Churches to come and provide all the labor and materials needed to complete slated home sites. When there is no kid's camp the intern would be adding the work camp program; by dispersing/receiving tools and adding work campers needs.

Approximate dates of camp:

**June 4 – July 22, 2010**

### **Job Title or Position**

Camp Counselor

### **Expectations/ Responsibilities of the Position:**

- Ability to be a team member.
- Plan activities based on a given theme and some of those themes might be Christian oriented or based.
- Implementing activities the group has planned.
- Develop one-on-one relationships with campers.
- Carry out organizational tasks.
- Be positive role model to the young children in the community.
- Assist with the proper upkeep of camp environment

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience with ages from five to twelve year olds is preferred.
- Experience working with elementary kids.
- Resident/day camp counseling experience preferred.
- Experience working with children whom are economically disadvantaged (or challenged).
- In good physical health condition because of heat and different activities
- Demonstrated with previous experience working as part of a team.

### **Working Conditions:**

- Weekly schedule Saturday through Thursday, (Fridays off)
- Working hours eight to four (but maybe additional preparation time)
- Dress code: modest attire
- Physical working arrangements: in and outside, a community park setting
- Must be able to provide own transportation
- Typical studio same gender apartment with air conditioning.

- Help cleaning on weekends.

**On-Site Supervisor:**

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**Supervision Plan:**

There will be daily team meetings and individual meetings as needed.

**Preparation:**

Gather ideas together for Kid's Camp lessons, craft and snacks.

**Overview of the area:**

- Beattyville, Kentucky is one and a half hours south of Lexington, Kentucky

The following statistics were found in the Lexington Herald-Leader on January 26, 2003 and can be found Cumberland Mountain Outreach's website,

<http://my.att.net/p/s/community.dll?ep=16&groupid=136554&ck>

- Population- 7,916; Beattyville 1,193
- Education- of those 25 and older 30% have less than a tenth grade education.
- Income- the gap between rich and poor is greater in Lee County than in any other Kentucky county. In 1992, 42% of Lee county households made less than \$15,000.
- Poverty- about 25% of families lived at or below the federal poverty level in 1999.
- Disability- about 40% of those older than 20 report that they are disabled.

**Additional Comments:**

- Looking for people with specific skills in one or more of the following: recreation, drama, nature, arts and crafts and camp music.
- Need 2 male or 2 female counselors.
- 2 counselors requested