



"Ramapo gave me a lot of responsibility. It was like being told 'we trust you, we appreciate your work, and we want to see you grow.' No one else had really offered me that before and I'll always be grateful to Camp Ramapo for believing in me."

—Boris, 6th year Bunk Supervisor

Dear Chairperson,

Ramapo for Children is a highly regarded non-profit organization that serves children and young adults with social, emotional and learning differences. At Ramapo we offer college students and recent graduates **unique job and internship opportunities through summer and year-round programs** on our Rhinebeck, New York campus.

Our philosophy is centered around the belief that all children want to learn, feel valued and experience success, and our staff members embrace the challenges and triumphs that come through working with children living with differences. Many of our staff alumni describe their work at Ramapo as one of their most formative personal and professional experiences. Ramapo's employment opportunities include **summer camp counselor** positions that focus on working with children ages 6-16, and **RamaYear**, a 15- to 17-month program designed for recent college graduates.

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR

An exceptional, unmatched professional opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children with special needs. As Ramapo staff members or interns, summer camp counselors will:

- develop the skills needed to succeed with a broad range of children who have varying degrees of needs and abilities
- benefit from the same state-of-the-art training that Ramapo provides to educators and other industry professionals
- emerge with a heightened ability to meet all children's needs
- learn how to create environments that celebrate strengths and enable all children to feel a sense of belonging
- be offered the opportunity to earn up to six college credits through our on-site college course
- receive a stipend and free room and board

RAMAYEAR: LAUNCH YEAR PROGRAM

Challenging recent college graduates to devote a year of their early careers to an immersive service experience on our 250-acre campus. As year-round staff, RamaYear will:

- experience an outstanding opportunity to hone leadership and communication skills before embarking on a career path
- work alongside permanent staff members to assist with students and educators who participate in Ramapo's on-site, adventure-based retreats
- live with and serve as mentors to the organization's Staff Assistants: young adults with special needs who are seeking to become self-sufficient while building social and job skills
- receive an annual salary, health benefits, paid vacation time and free room and board

Thank you in advance for sharing these excellent opportunities for personal and professional development with your students. For additional information, please contact me at kwrightington@ramapoforchildren.org or 845-876-8423. Please visit our website to learn more about Ramapo for Children: www.ramapoforchildren.org.

Kate Wrightington
Director of Staffing



This is not just any **summer camp job**—
it is an unparalleled opportunity to
embrace the exceptional

“Here I have opportunities every day to work hands-on with children who have a range of behaviors and varying degrees of challenges.”

—Bradley, Counselor and PhD student



Become a Camp Ramapo Counselor

Camp Ramapo serves a diverse mix of children with a range of cognitive, social and emotional abilities. Some of our children bring with them the challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorders or other cognitive disabilities. Some bring with them the challenges of trauma or stress. ALL of our children are at risk of being relegated to the margins of their schools and communities. Experience an unmatched professional opportunity, and make a difference in the lives of children with special needs.

A FEW DETAILS

- Free room and board on our 250-acre campus in Rhinebeck New York, three meals per day, travel reimbursement, and a stipend
- Supervisory and Bunk Counselor positions are available, as are program positions in areas such as Waterfront, Reading and Technology, Performing Arts, Ropes Course Facilitation, and Science and Discovery.
- Make a 9-week commitment from mid-June to mid-August. Some positions require additional training prior to mid-June. A limited number of short-term, 5-week positions are available from late July to late August.

CONNECT WITH US!

Call 845.876.8423 or email staffing@ramapoforchildren.org

Applications are accepted through June and can be completed at

www.ramapoforchildren.org/jobs

WHY JOIN US?

Earn up to **SIX COLLEGE CREDITS** through an on-site course “Fieldwork in Special Education”

Develop the skills you need to succeed with a range of children

Learn to understand a child’s behavior as communication

Emerge with a heightened ability to meet children’s needs and to teach them new skills

Create environments that celebrate strengths and enable all children to feel a sense of belonging

Work hard every day you are here, and learn more than you ever thought possible



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Rhinebeck Campus

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RAMAYEAR

A Launch Year Program

Dedicate a year of your early careers to a unique service leadership experience in Rhinebeck, New York



"I've grown so much here. I've been pushed to lead others and make decisions, and am more confident as a result."

—Lainey, RamaYear

As a RamaYear, your work will impact thousands of children, young adults and educators as you help them realize their full potential and create positive change in their lives. Your work will include:

- Coordinating outdoor, adventure-based retreats for school and community groups of 10-100 children, educators and group leaders
- Leading group activities like high-ropes course challenges, hikes, campfires and ice breaker games, and encouraging participants
- Serving as a role model, mentor and roommate for young adults on-campus with social, emotional and learning differences
- Assisting with activities during Camp Ramapo, our residential summer camp program for children ages 6-16 who face social, emotional and learning challenges
- Creating emotionally safe environments for group participants

BY BECOMING A RAMAYEAR, YOU WILL DEVELOP A RANGE OF SOUGHT-AFTER PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, INCLUDING:

- Leadership
- Developing activities that are inclusive of children and young adults of all abilities
- Problem solving
- Relationship and community-building
- Public speaking
- Planning and coordination

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THE LENGTH OF TIME YOU'RE CONTRACTED TO WORK ON CAMPUS WILL RANGE FROM A MINIMUM OF 15-18 MONTHS, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND YOUR CONTRACT. APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS.

Full-time, salaried positions. Includes room and board with full benefits.

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