

Summer Camp Staff Positions 2026



YMCA Camp Onyahsa



Onyahsa: For Fun, for Friends, Forever!

Small resident youth camp on Chautauqua Lake, in southwestern NYS, serves youth aged 5-15 through resident and day camp programs. Our 128th season includes 9-11 weeks of youth camp from **June 14-August 23**. Onyahsa is ACA-accredited & NYS-licensed.

Options to begin in mid-May and/or continue to late August for additional pay available.

Staff Training for new staff coincides with the employee's first week of youth camp.

Requirements: 6 weeks or longer commitment, start date by 6/28/26 [excluding Health Directors].

Residence at Camp required (housing and food included). Salary ranges reflect 9 weeks of work.

Village Leader

Min Age: 20

Positions: 2

Salary Range: \$3,800-\$4,050

Oversee village unit comprised of approx. 12 campers and 3 staff; create and lead activity area, assist with site preparation and staff training.

Prefer 2 years college/camp experience.

Senior Counselor

Min Age: 18

Positions: 4

Salary Range: \$3,100-\$3,600

Supervise cabin group consisting of 6-8 children, assist in teaching of program area such as sports, crafts or Outdoor Education.

High school diploma/camp experience.

Assistant Counselor

Min. Age: 16

Positions: 8

Salary Range: \$2,800-\$3,150

Assist senior staff in cabin duties and Area Specialists in program areas. Some kitchen/grounds duties.

LIT program graduate (preferred). Responsible, mature, experience leading children.

Kitchen Manager

Min Age: 20

Positions: 1

Salary Range: \$3,800-\$4,050

Work with Cooks to manage kitchen and staff, coordinate USDA program, prepare healthy meals, manage salad bar, inventory supplies, maintain a high level of kitchen cleanliness.

No cabin duties. Food service management experience required. Accommodations are included. Certification required.



Lifeguards & Sailing Instructors

Min Age: 16

Positions: 4

Salary Range: \$3,100-\$3,800

Certified lifeguards and experienced sailors teach sailing or swimming, or lifeguard in addition to residential cabin counselor/unit leader responsibilities.

Guard Req.: First Aid, CPR, Waterfront Lifeguarding cert (accepted by NYS Health Dept.)

Sailor Req.: Relevant experience.

Health Director

Requirements: RN license (NYS) preferred (or higher; LPN accepted), CPR & First Aid certs.

Salary Range: \$725/week, plus camp tuition for dependent youth. Nine one-week positions available.

Provide appropriate health services to residential and day camp population.

Activity Leader/Instructor

Min Age: 19

Positions: 3

Salary Range: \$3,800-\$4,050

Plan and implement activity area (athletics, crafts, Nature, challenge, hiking, etc. for youth ages 5-13. *Might require certification.*

Stipends for Full Season Staff

(unless required by position)

+\$300 for WSI certification

+\$200 for Lifeguard certification

(if Camp didn't cover cost of course)

+\$50 CPR certification

+\$25 for First Aid certification

+\$25 for Onyahsa LIT graduate

Strong letters of recommendation, references, & internship credit available.

For more information, contact:

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All applicants will be interviewed by Camp Administration and thoroughly screened by appropriate law enforcement and other screening agencies to protect all Camp participants.

Camp Onyahsa is an equal opportunity employer that strongly encourages application by candidates of diverse backgrounds. EOE.

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