

MARY AND FRANCES YOUTH CENTER



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Jr. Camp Counselor

The Mary and Frances Youth Center (MFYC) on the VCU campus, opened its doors in 2007 and offers two private tennis courts and classrooms designed for youth programming and youth centered training. Lobs & Lessons, operating out of the MFYC, is an afterschool and summer enrichment program for elementary and middle school age youth that focuses on character development, future orientation and the sport of tennis.

Lobs & Lessons will offer eight weeks of summer camp to elementary and middle school youth. This position is for a Jr. Camp Counselor who is responsible for being an active part of all camp activities to include team building, swimming, and life skills lessons. A camp counselor is the most important person in a camper's life. Setting the tone for the entire summer, and in some cases, for life, the counselor's job is not to be taken lightly. Serving as an activity counselor, the most successful candidates are those who are able to manage multiple priorities, create fun in an instant, maintain high energy and serve as a positive role model in camper's lives.

Position: Part-time

Hours: Varies, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Reports to: Director, Mary and Frances Youth Center

Start Date: TBD

Job Responsibilities:

1. Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers.
 - Support campers through communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, involvement and empowerment of youth.
 - Help to ensure campers are properly supervised at all times.
 - Be aware of, and implement, safety guidelines.
2. Participate in implementation of program activities for campers
 - Actively participate in all program areas as assigned.
 - Assist counselors with team building games and life skills lessons.
 - Assist counselors with on-court tennis instructions (Set-up and break down of equipment, taking pictures, feeding tennis balls, using water guns and managing water breaks)
 - Assist counselors with swimming at Rec Sports.
3. Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.
 - Support counselors in providing the daily care for each camper within your supervision including recognition of personal health needs.
 - Be alert to camper needs and discuss any problems with counselors.



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4. Be a positive role model for campers and staff
 - Ensure positive attitude, behavior and interaction with campers and staff at all times.
 - Follow and uphold all safety and security rules and procedures.
 - Set a good example to campers and others with regard to general camp procedures and practices, including sanitation, schedule, and sportsmanship.

Qualifications:

- At least 15 years of age.
- Experience and/or desire to work with children; specifically in afterschool, summer or classroom settings.
- Ability to relate to youth and adults in a positive manner
- Ability to communicate appropriately and effectively (verbally) with youth.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, self-motivator, responsible and adaptability.
- Demonstrate knowledge and interest in skill development in assigned program areas.
- Proven ability to maintain high levels of endurance, positive attitude and leadership abilities.

Physical Requirements of the Job:

- Ability to lift up to 25 pounds.
- Willing to work in a camp setting; inside and outside.
- Withstand daily exposure to sun and heat.
- Willingness to swim appropriately with the youth; no fear of the water.

To Apply:

Email Rachel Rhoney at rhoneyrb@vcu.edu.