

MARY AND FRANCES YOUTH CENTER



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Internship: Camp Counselor

Lobs & Lessons, operating out of the Mary and Frances Youth Center on the VCU campus 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. MFYC will offer eight weeks of summer camp to elementary and middle school youth, of which, five are with Lobs & Lessons. As a part of the Lobs & Lessons team, this internship will work alongside of other staff every day to positively impact youth through direct programming. A camp counselor is the most important person in a camper's life, and this job should not to be taken lightly. The most successful counselors 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.

Hours: Prior to camp- 15 hours/week, times can vary; Camp- 8:15am-4:30pm

Reports to: Director, Mary and Frances Youth Center

Dates: May 27- July 26; Camp dates: June 24- July 26

Responsibilities:

In addition to working directly with youth, the intern will work with staff prior to camp beginning to help design all non-tennis camp activities to include team building, nutrition lessons, career/college exploration and cross training; all related around our 2019 theme.

- Assist in the direction and organization of campers.
- Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.
- Participate in implementation of program activities for campers:
 - Co-lead or assist with daily activity lessons (art, nutrition, ect.)
 - Assist with teambuilding games, meals and pick-up
 - Lead on-court tennis instructions (training provided)
 - Swim daily with campers and manage youth in locker rooms
- Provide additional support to the program staff as necessary.

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age with experience and desire to work with children; specifically in afterschool, summer or classroom settings.
- Ability to communicate effectively (written and verbal) with staff, parents and volunteers.
- Proven ability to maintain high levels of endurance, positive attitude and leadership abilities.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, self-motivator, responsible and adaptability.
- Physical Requirements of the Job:
 - Ability to lift up to 25 pounds and withstand daily exposure to sun and heat.
 - Willing to work in a camp setting; inside and outside.
 - Willingness to swim appropriately with the youth; no fear of the water.

To Apply:

Email your resume and cover letter that speaks towards your youth experience to Rachel Rhoney at rhoneyrb@vcu.edu by April 5. For more information, visit <http://www.mfyc.vcu.edu/summer-programs/>.



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