Lifeguard Job Description

ROLE AND PURPOSE:

The mandate of Camp SMILE is to provide a fun, enriching experience for people with disabilities. The role of the Lifeguard is to ensure that the Camp SMILE participant has a safe, fun, enjoyable experience while at Camp SMILE. A Camp SMILE Lifeguard will be expected to maintain order and maximize safety while overseeing aquatic activities.

TIME REQUIRED AND PLACE OF WORK:

Depending on the number of weeks that a Lifeguard works, Camp SMILE has four one week-long sessions and two respite weekends, which are held at Camp Grace in Mobile, Alabama.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be 18 years of age by start of camp and possess a current Lifeguard Certification.

Must possess the stamina to carry out assigned duties in hot and humid climate over an extended period of time.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lifeguards will maintain order, safety and discipline among campers. The best means to achieve this is, of course, by example. At no time will a staff member use physical punishment or verbally abusive comments to discipline a camper.
- Must maintain a positive team relationship with fellow lifeguards.
- Must carry out basic lifeguarding duties related to a lake setting:
 - Routine buddy checks
 - Effective scanning
 - Zone coverage
 - Checking swim site daily
 - Checking working order of boats, etc. daily
- Must follow emergency procedures for severe weather and/or accidents
- Take life jackets, floats & water toys to lake. Hang/stack neatly at end of each day.
- Set up, maintain & put away equipment daily.
- Supervise and assist in loading & unloading boats.
- Supervise and assist with fishing.
- Assist in lifting non-ambulatory campers in/out of lake.
- On each Saturday, bring all items to designated storage. On final Saturday, pack and inventory these items give list to Matrisza.
- Offer help at meal times and night time activities when possible.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Physical: Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs regularly

Customer Service: Establish positive relationships with campers, supervisors, and fellow staff

All other duties: Perform all other duties as assigned, including carrying out responsibilities, performing duties, using skills and working in conditions necessary to perform all assigned tasks.

Ability to be alert of surroundings and take quick and appropriate action

TARGET DATES:

Short-term commitment for time volunteered – no target date for completion

REPORT TO:

Matrisza Alvarez, Camp Director Waterfront Director

