SYP Weekend Counselor Job Description

Basics:
- June 20 – August 7, 2021 (up to six weeks of employment)
- Must attend a paid Summer Youth Programs orientation the week before employment begins
- Base Salary: $10.00 per hour (up to 40 hours per week)
- Meals during a work shift will be provided
- Hours will vary from week to week. Hours will be based on need throughout the week and weekends

Requirements:
- Have completed at least one year of college or have equivalent experience
- Must have flexible schedule to accommodate weekend and evening work
- Valid United States driver’s license with fewer than 6 points (Michigan or other state equivalent) and have completed and passed the Michigan Tech Public Safety Van online test. Please contact our office before and after you complete the test in order to obtain the necessary account information.
- Understand that you are a role-model to the students attending the programs and therefore must follow all student rules
- Have flexibility/adaptability (plans constantly change based on student demands)
- Welcome diversity and enjoy working with students from many different cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds
- Always support the rules of the program (the number one priority is to ensure the safety of our students). Be willing to be a counselor (authority figure) first, and a friend second
- Maintain a positive work atmosphere by behaving and communicating in a manner that supports students, staff, parents, and the public in general
- You must obtain prior written approval to report any other hours (to avoid over-time) worked on the Michigan Tech campus for the duration of your counseling employment. Violation of this policy could result in termination of your employment with Youth Programs
- Submit to and pass a state of Michigan background check prior to employment

Duties/Responsibilities:
- Lead participants (youth ages 12 - 18) in weekend recreational activities such as bowling, movies, hiking, sightseeing in the Upper Peninsula, etc.
- Create a sense of community between program participants and counseling staff
- Work as a team with other counselors (including residence counselors), sharing information and duties
- Be energetic and have a positive attitude
- Ensure the safety of participants at all times

 Desired Qualifications:
- Valid lifeguard certification
- Experience working with youth in a mentoring situation