



A CAMPING TRADITION SINCE 1936 IN ALGONQUIN PARK, ONTARIO

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CANOE TRIP LEADER-IN-TRAINING

JOB DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1936, Camp Tamakwa is a coed children's overnight summer camp located in beautiful Algonquin Provincial Park. We offer a diverse in-camp program with over 20 activities as well as a canoe tripping program. Every camper will embark on a canoe trip as an important and valued part of their camp experience. Canoe tripping with Camp Tamakwa offers campers the opportunity for individual challenge, team building, adventure, and an appreciation of nature.

All Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training attend a pre-camp training period in June that includes a four-day canoe trip with the Canoe Trip Director and senior Canoe Trip Leaders. This trip enables all Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training to become familiar with Algonquin Park and all it has to offer while learning wilderness travel skills, Camp Tamakwa's canoe tripping philosophy, safety policies, and emergency protocols.

Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training at Camp Tamakwa spend their summer paddling and portaging through Algonquin Park acting as assistants to Canoe Trip Leaders. They will participate on three to five trips each month. These canoe trips include cabin groups of six campers (ages 7-16) ranging from two to five days in length, as well as optional longer trips of 8-15 days with some groups travelling north to the Temagami area. The Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training can expect to participate on at least one of these longer trips.

Camp Tamakwa supports the development of emerging leaders in the field of outdoor adventure education with a unique Canoe Trip Leader-in-Training program. Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training report to the Canoe Trip Director and Camp Directors. Together, these Directors guarantee that Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training are schooled throughout the summer to enhance their knowledge and skills to plan, prepare, lead, and evaluate the canoe trip experience. The objective of the program is to develop future Canoe Trip Leaders at Camp Tamakwa, and graduates receive a \$500 bonus every year they return to lead trips as a Canoe Trip Leader.

Each Canoe Trip Leader-in-Training will be assigned a mentor, a senior Canoe Trip Leader, who will be responsible for their summer of learning both on the trail and in camp. Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training may begin their summer as observers, however, they will gradually take on more responsibility as co-leaders and by the end of the summer they may be leading segments of a trip under the supervision of a thoughtful and trusted advisor.

Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training will accompany a variety of Canoe Trip Leaders on canoe trips throughout the summer. While on trip, they will be expected to teach campers and staff paddling and portaging skills, adhere to the rules of Algonquin Park as noted on the backcountry permit, act as responsible and respectful ambassadors of Camp Tamakwa, and reinforce the proper use and care of the tripping equipment.

Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training must provide their own sleeping bag, PFD, and appropriate personal gear (rainwear, good footwear, and clothing). All group equipment is provided.

When in camp the Canoe Trip Leaders-in-Training are often called upon to help with a variety of activities that may include; assisting with moving campers in and out of camp, teaching canoe trip skills, lifeguarding, and participating during camp-wide events.