JOIN OUR STAFF

Up in Algonquin Park

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 robust canoe tripping program.

On-Site Room & Board Provided

Contracts from Mid-June to Mid-August

ROPES SPECIALIST

Qualifications & Requirements

- Age 19 +
- Criminal Background Check
- All necessary Ropes certifications will be provided at camp
- **Experience:** extensive experience with high ropes, low ropes,climbing, and ziplines; must be able to operate, supervise, and teach.

The Ropes program is one of the most exciting and popular activities at camp. Our Ropes course provides an excellent challenge for both individuals and cabin groups, teaching teamwork, respect, and confidence. We are seeking creative, experienced, safety-conscious staff to help manage this course, as well as our zipline and climbing wall, which serves as a place where even the most timid campers can achieve fantastic accomplishments.

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Breakdown of Role and Responsibilities

The Ropes Specialists are responsible for assisting the Ropes Director in safe operation of the ropes course, zipline, and climbing wall, ensuring that every camper is motivated, having fun, and strictly supervised.

Key Responsibilities Include:

Safety

- Conduct a **mandatory attendance check-in** for all campers at the start of every activity period.
- Enforce the mandatory use of helmets at all times on high elements and ensure all harnesses and belays are properly secured.
- Carefully double and triple-check all harnesses are on correctly before use.
- Monitor weather conditions; elements must not be used if equipment becomes wet or slippery due to bad weather.
- Ensure a high element is **never used** unless adequate staffing is present to provide constant supervision.
- Conduct daily checks of all equipment and supplies to verify they are in good working condition.

Staff Management

- Support and assist the Ropes Director and the other Ropes Specialists in the supervision and operation of the elaborate Ropes program.
- Delegate simpler tasks to CITs and additional staff, such as organizing campers and assisting with harnesses.
- Collect and return all clothing and items left behind to the lost and found daily to keep the course area tidy.
- Encourage staff to lead songs and games to keep large groups engaged while waiting for their turn to climb.

Programming / Awards Development

- Oversee the award system, using individual choice periods to help campers set personal goals and progress through low and high ropes. Keep track of campers' award progress.
- Manage the climbing wall, introducing challenges like timed or side-by-side races for advanced climbers.
- Lead high-adrenaline elements like the zip line, ensuring campers have worked through other elements before participating.
- Find creative ways to motivate campers and staff who may be afraid.
- Work closely with the Program Team to plan and execute high-energy Evening Programs as assigned.

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About Tamakwa

Camp Tamakwa is a children's overnight summer camp in Algonquin Park located 2.5 hours north of Toronto. Founded in 1936, Tamakwa is home to over 250 boys and girls aged 7–16. The camp's deliberately small size ensures intimate camper–to–staff ratios, fostering a supportive environment across all aspects of daily camp life. Tamakwa prides itself on upholding traditional values, cultivating a strong sense of camp spirit, prioritizing safety, and facilitating skill development. What sets Tamakwa apart is its rich tapestry of traditions, the warm embrace of a family–like atmosphere, and the uniqueness of its boat–only access campsite. The camp offers a diverse array of activities, including numerous watersports, landsports, creative arts, and outdoor skills, complemented by a premier canoe tripping program.

Why Work at Camp?

Working at Camp Tamakwa is a uniquely rewarding experience. It combines the joy of working with children, the beauty of the Algonquin outdoors, and the chance to connect with people from around the world. Our staff are responsible, creative, outgoing, flexible, and fun–loving young adults who eagerly disconnect from technology to engage with campers in a welcoming camp family environment. This isn't your typical city job; it's a place where you'll collaborate with like–minded individuals to create a fun–filled experience. For campers and staff alike, it's a space to be yourself and share your unique talents with others. As a staff member at Tamakwa, you'll work hard – and have the time of your life.

Unplug for the Summer

A unique aspect of Tamakwa is the un–plugged nature of living up in Algonquin Park. That means no cell phones, iPads, or computers. In order to maintain this special tradition for our campers, we do not allow staff members to keep personal phones in camp or on canoe trips. Cell phones are locked in the office, charged, and returned for days off only. Staff will have use of a computer and a public phone during their evening time off in staff rec.

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