Dear Chairperson,

Ramapo for Children is a highly regarded non-profit organization that serves children and young adults with social, emotional and learning differences. At Ramapo we offer college students and recent graduates valuable, rewarding and unique job opportunities through summer and year-round programs on our Rhinebeck, New York campus.

Our philosophy is centered around the belief that all children want to learn, feel valued and experience success, and our staff members embrace the challenges and triumphs that come through working with children who face a variety of differences and obstacles. Many of our staff alumni describe their work at Ramapo as one of their most formative personal and professional experiences and have gone on to become teachers, psychologists, social workers, organization directors, and even founders of national nonprofits. Ramapo’s employment opportunities include summer camp counselor positions that focus on working with children ages 6-16, and RamAYear, a 15- to 24-month program designed for recent college graduates.

As Ramapo staff members, summer camp counselors will develop the skills needed to succeed with a broad range of children and will benefit from the same state-of-the-art training that Ramapo provides to educators and other industry professionals around the world. Counselors will emerge with a heightened ability to meet children’s needs and will learn how to create environments that celebrate strengths and enable all children to feel a sense of belonging. Through hands-on work with children who have varying degrees of needs and abilities, counselors can earn up to six college credits and will receive a stipend and free room and board.

RamAYear is Ramapo’s year-round position, which offers college graduates an outstanding opportunity to hone their leadership and communication skills before embarking on their career paths. RamAYears work alongside permanent staff members to assist with students and educators who participate in Ramapo’s on-site, adventure-based retreats, and board with and serve as mentors to the organization’s Staff Assistants: young adults with special needs who are seeking to become self-sufficient while building social and job skills. RamAYears receive an annual salary, health benefits, paid vacation time and free room and board. All Ramapo staff members are also provided ample opportunity to explore Rhinebeck and its surrounding area, which offers access to a wealth of outdoor adventures, attractions and entertainment.

Thank you in advance for sharing these excellent opportunities for personal and professional development with your students. For additional information, please contact me at kwrightington@ramapoforchildren.org or 845-876-8423. Please visit our website to learn more about Ramapo for Children: www.ramapoforchildren.org.

Sincerely,

Kate Wrightington
Director of Staffing

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This is not just any summer camp job—it is an unparalleled opportunity to embrace the exceptional

"Here I have opportunities every day to work hands-on with children who have a range of behaviors and varying degrees of challenges.”
—Bradley, Counselor and PhD student

Apply to be a Counselor at Camp Ramapo in Rhinebeck, NY

WHO ARE WE?
Camp Ramapo serves a diverse mix of children with a broad range of cognitive, social and emotional abilities. Some of our children bring with them the challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorders or other cognitive disabilities. Some bring with them the challenges of trauma or stress. ALL of our children are at risk of being relegated to the margins of their schools and communities.

WHY JOIN US?
As a Camp Ramapo staff member, you will develop the skills you need to succeed with a broad range of children. You will learn to understand a child's behavior as communication. You will emerge with a heightened ability to meet children’s needs and to teach them new skills. You will learn how to create environments that celebrate strengths and enable all children to feel a sense of belonging. You will work hard every day you are here, and learn more than you ever thought possible.

CONNECT WITH US!
Please contact us any time with questions or for more information by calling 845.876.8423 or emailing staffing@ramapoforchildren.org.

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A FEW MORE FACTS
• Applications are accepted from November through June and can be completed on www.ramapoforchildren.org/jobs
• We offer free room and board on our 250-acre campus, three meals per day, a stipend, and up to SIX COLLEGE CREDITS through an on-site course “Fieldwork in Special Education.”
• Supervisory and General Bunk Counselor positions are available, as are specialty positions in areas such as Waterfront, Athletics, Reading and Technology, Performing Arts, Ropes Course Facilitation, and Science and Discovery.
• Counselors make a 9-week commitment from mid-June to mid-August. Some positions require additional training prior to mid-June. A limited number of short-term, 5-week positions are available from late July to late August.
Join Ramayear!

Join Ramayear for full-time, residential employment experience in New York for recent college graduates, providing leadership and service to others.

“I’ve grown so much here. I’ve been pushed to lead others and make decisions, and am more confident as a result.”
— Lainey, Ramayear

As a Ramayear, your work will impact thousands of children, young adults and educators as you help them realize their full potential and create positive change in their lives. Your work will include:

- Coordinating outdoor, adventure-based retreats for school and community groups of 10-100 children, educators and group leaders
- Leading group activities like high-ropes course challenges, hikes, campfires and ice breaker games, and encouraging participants
- Serving as a role model, mentor and roommate for young adults on-campus with social, emotional and learning differences
- Assisting with activities during Camp Ramapo, our residential summer camp program for children ages 6-16 who face social, emotional and learning challenges
- Creating emotionally safe environments for group participants

BY BECOMING A RAMAYEAR, YOU WILL DEVELOP A RANGE OF SOUGHT-AFTER PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, INCLUDING:

- Leadership
- Developing activities that are inclusive of children and young adults of all abilities
- Problem solving
- Relationship and community-building
- Public speaking
- Planning and coordination

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The length of time you’re contracted to work on campus will range from a minimum of 15-18 months, with the option to extend your contract. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Full-time, salaried positions. Includes room and board with full benefits.

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