

Job Posting:

**Title:** Embrace the Exceptional. Work at Camp Ramapo this summer!

### **Description of Camp Ramapo**

Based on our 250-acre campus in Rhinebeck, New York, Camp Ramapo is Ramapo for Children's residential summer camp that serves a diverse mix of children with a wide 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.

As a Ramapo staff member, you will develop the skills you need to succeed with a broad range of children, including those who other adults may find difficult. You will learn to understand child 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. This is not just any summer camp job—it is an unparalleled opportunity to embrace the exceptional.

### **As a Camp Ramapo counselor, you'll benefit from:**

- Intensive, evidence-informed training on our Ramapo Approach, which is sought out by educators, school leaders, youth workers and caregivers around the world
- Daily interaction with children who face varying degrees of social, emotional and learning challenges
- A network of people within Ramapo for Children's community, which includes year-round staff members, trainers, board members and counselor alumni, many of whom have gone on to pursue careers in education, social work and psychology
- Free room and board on our 250-acre campus plus summer stipend and travel reimbursement
- Up to six credits through an on-site college course, "Fieldwork in Special Education"

*Ramapo for Children takes COVID-19 precautions seriously. Our protocols will continue to be guided by recommendations from the CDC and our local Department of Health. Ramapo will remain a place for campers and staff to learn and grow in a safe environment.*

## **Qualifications:**

Many counselors are emerging professionals in the fields of special education, social work, psychology, and related fields, but no previous experience in this type of work is necessary. We do ask you exemplify the following:

- Leadership
- Kindness
- Patience
- Commitment
- Respect
- Passion
- Ambition
- Willingness to learn

## **How to apply**

For more information and to apply, visit [www.ramapoforchildren.org](http://www.ramapoforchildren.org).

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service alumni are encouraged to apply.

## **Job Application Page**

<https://ramapo.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/staff/App>

## **Website**

<http://www.ramapoforchildren.org/camp>

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## **Internships Posting**

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## About Ramapo for Children

Founded in 1922, Ramapo for Children works on behalf of young people whose challenging behaviors put them at risk of being relegated to the margins of their families, schools and communities. Ramapo's philosophy is built around the simple belief that all people want the same things: to learn, to be valued for who they are, and to experience success. Our work is accomplished through four primary programs:

- **Camp Ramapo:** a residential summer camp in Rhinebeck, NY that serves over 550 children with a range of cognitive disabilities and behavioral challenges. Camp Ramapo also serves as a training ground for over 200 college and graduate students each year.
- **Ramapo Training:** a professional development program providing tens of thousands of educators, parents, and youth workers with practical tools for managing difficult behaviors and fostering environments that support success.
- **The Staff Assistant Experience (SAE):** a transition-to-independence program for young adults aged 18 to 25 with social, emotional, or learning challenges. Participants practice vocational and life skills in an inclusive residential community.
- **Ramapo Retreats:** short-term, adventure-based experiences for young people and educators that give participants strategies for successful communication, teamwork, and leadership.