

# RESPITE WORKER JOB DESCRIPTION

## ABOUT THIS POSITION

Camp Red Leaf is a residential camp located in Ingleside, IL serving youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Respite workers must be 18 years old or older. Respite weekends run from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. We have anywhere from 5 to 20 campers at a time. The weekends are age specific and are available for our adult campers or our youth campers at one time. We do go on excursions and to waterpark trips and utilize our wonderful camp group with a beautiful lake, high ropes course and so much more.

### Our 2019-2020 Respite Schedule

- Session 1: November 1-3, 2019 (Adult)
- Session 2: December 13-15, 2019 (Youth)
- Session 3: January 10-12, 2020 (Adult Excursion)
- Session 4: January 17-19, 2020 (Youth Excursion)
- Session 5: February 7-9, 2020 (Adult)
- Session 6: March 6-8, 2020 (Youth)
- Session 7: March 20-22 (Adult Waterpark Trip)
- Session 8: April 3-5, 2020 (Youth Waterpark Trip)

Campers arrive at 7pm Friday night and are picked up at 2pm on Sunday. Respite workers are expected to be at camp at least 30 mins before drop off on Friday and help clean the building after pick up on Sunday. Respite workers spend the weekend living in the lodge with campers and staff. Respite workers accompany campers to the different programs that are available (such as arts and crafts, sports, nature, music, and all group activities) and assist campers in those various activities. As well, they promote and encourage all camper's involvement in activities, and always lead by example, by being a role model, energetic, enthusiastic, understanding and flexible in their approach to work and campers.

Respite workers are responsible for assisting campers to whatever degree necessary while attending Camp Red Leaf, including those of daily living, if needed (showering, dressing, bathing, eating, etc.). Some of our campers require one on one care including personal care (Changing clothes, aid in the shower, changing diapers/helping use the bathroom, etc.), feeding/cutting food, helping campers get involved/participate in activities (Arts and Crafts, Sports, Dancing, Games, etc.) and cultivating relationships. Many of our campers are fully capable of their own personal care and are in cabin groups of about 8 other campers with 3-5 respite staff assisting them for the weekend. Staff are also responsible for all campers' belongings. Most importantly, the counselor is responsible for the supervision, care and safety of the campers.

These weekends mean so much to our campers and their families and they honestly are so much fun for workers and campers alike. If you are interested in learning more about this employment opportunity, please email Director Lauren Malecki at [lauren@nageelamidwest.org](mailto:lauren@nageelamidwest.org) or call the Camp Red Leaf office (847)740-5010

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