



YMCA Camp Henry Employment Opportunities 2021

<https://www.ymcaswo.ca/camps/camp-henry>



Applicants to YMCA Camp Henry

Staff members will be positive role models that are committed to ensuring safe and enjoyable experiences for all our participants that reflect the mission and core values of the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario. Staff members must be 17 by December 31, 2021 in order to be eligible for employment.

Mission Statement:

The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is a multi-service charity that provides opportunities for growth in spirit, mind and body for people of all backgrounds, beliefs and abilities.

Core Values:

Caring, Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Inclusiveness

YMCA Camp Henry is committed to providing positive spaces for all participants, staff and volunteers. Our hiring process is guided by our core values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness. We are dedicated to providing equal opportunities for all applicants in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Successful applicants for employment at YMCA Camp Henry are committed to the personal growth and development of children and young adults. They have a background working with these age groups, and are highly flexible, willing to learn and display a strong work ethic. Successful applicants are also committed to achieving high quality outcomes.

YMCA camping staff will actively participate in all aspects of the camp's program, give active and loyal support to the camp, its philosophy and objectives as well as abide by all camp regulations and policies. YMCA camping staff uses a supportive and professional manner when working with fellow staff members, visitors, volunteers and campers. They also maintain a professional appearance that promotes the positive values of good health and hygiene.

In consideration of the above, the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario agrees to provide opportunities for staff to excel within the position they hold at camp. Formal and informal feedback is provided throughout their employment. The opportunity to express any concerns or grievances is also provided throughout their employment.

All members of the YMCA Camping branch strive to:

- Demonstrate a personal and professional commitment to the YMCA's mission, vision, & values
- Manage risk and reduce harm for themselves, campers, participants, and colleagues
- Have fun and use play as a fundamental approach to child and youth development
- Show initiative by doing the right thing at the right time without being asked
- Empower themselves and others to accomplish goals by pre-planning, organizing people and resources, and reflecting on the process and outcomes
- Communicate in a thorough, clear, and timely manner that supports information sharing,
- Build positive relationships with colleagues, campers, and community members
- Provide high quality experiences to campers, participants, and families
- Facilitate continuous learning and development for themselves, campers, participants, and colleagues
- Always demonstrate integrity through responsible behaviour

Facility Summaries

YMCA of Southwestern Ontario Camping Services

YMCA Camp Henry is a part of a larger branch operated out of the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario in London, ON. Our branch is responsible for overnight camps, extended out tripping experiences, day-camps, YMCA Children’s Safety Village Educational Programs, youth leadership programs, outdoor education and corporate training opportunities.

YMCA Camp Henry

YMCA Camp Henry is a unique camp that is located in Point Pelee National Park in partnership with Parks Canada. Summer 2021 will be YMCA Camp Henry’s 5th year in operation, we are running one-week programs, family camps, and day camp programs throughout the season for campers aged 5-16. The lengths of our sessions are an ideal introductory overnight camp experience for youth across Ontario. We will offer a wide range of programs with an intentional focus on individual growth and appreciation for the outdoors. YMCA Camp Henry is an OCA accredited camp.

2021 Employment Information & Requirements

2021 CAMP SEASON AND COVID 19 UPDATES

At this time, we are planning and preparing for the 2021 camp season. While we remain optimistic that we will be able to operate our programs in the summer of 2021, we will continue to work with our local health unit and provincial government regarding COVID restrictions and want to recognize that there may be changes to our program structure or capacities. Because of this, there may also be changes to our traditional staffing and session structures and regular deadlines in the upcoming months. To ensure we have enough time to go through our full recruitment process and be prepared, we are moving ahead with applications for the staff team as usual. We will do our best to keep all applicants informed with any updates if there are any confirmed changes about the 2021 camp season.

Summer Precamp (June 27-July 2)

All Camp Henry employees are required to participate in a week-long training process that serves as the foundation for ensuring that our employees can successfully carry out their jobs, and that the staff team as a whole is prepared for the season. This training is mandatory for **all** Camp Henry employees.

*Under extenuating circumstances, staff may be permitted to miss a small portion of precamp. This **must** be arranged ahead of time, as the staff member will be required to complete make-up training prior to the start of precamp. *

Online Training

All YMCA Camp Henry employees are required to complete a small number of short online training sessions covering topics such as WHMIS and AODA training needed for employment. Information on how to access the online training will be posted at a date to be determined, and completion of the training must be done before the start date of employment contract.

Qualifications & Certifications

While Camp Management can aid in finding and registering for some courses, it is ultimately the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that they hold all necessary certifications by the start of employment. Camp Henry does not pay staff for time spent in courses. Please address any questions or concerns regarding qualifications and certifications at the time of your interview. In terms of payment for these courses, employees are required to cover the full cost of the following certifications if required for their job: NLS, CPR-C, Standard First Aid, Pleasure Craft Operator Card, G class Driver's license.

Criminal Record Check Policy

All YMCA staff over 18 years of age will require a Criminal Record Check. If you are under 18, you are not required to get a Criminal Record Check. Positions where employees will work unsupervised with vulnerable persons (every position at YMCA Camp Henry) **must also receive a Vulnerable Sector Record Check** as a condition of employment. Criminal Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Record Check will be obtained through the staff members' local Police records division. Staff and volunteers upon hiring for the first time, will be responsible for the cost of criminal record checks where a fee is charged. Subsequent checks will be completed on all employees at the expense of the YMCA upon the employee's anniversary date every 3 years. Employees will be required to sign an annual declaration indicating there has been no change to their record or disclosing any changes that have occurred. Employees who are rehired within the association will not be required to obtain a new CRC if there is one on file from within 36 months of the date of rehire. They will require a declaration to be signed. The Association will then pay for a new CRC when it becomes 3 years old provided the employee is currently active. If the employee is rehired and the CRC is older than 36 months at the time of rehire, they will be required to provide a current one at their own expense. Failure to provide a criminal record check or providing a record check that is unacceptable to the Association will result in termination of employment placement without notice or payment. An **acceptable report will be on file on or before the first day of employment.** Criminal Record Checks must be original, dated within the calendar year of employment (2021) and they must indicate the employer is the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario.

2021 Interview Information

There will be no in-person interviews for the 2021 camping season. All interviews will be conducted over the phone or video conferencing. If we wish to interview an applicant, applicants will receive an email to schedule their interview and will receive an invite to join a Microsoft Teams meeting. Further details regarding the interview process will be confirmed with applicants along with the email link.

If you were hired for the 2020 camping season as a first-year staff member, you are considered a first-year applicant. You will only be considered a second-year applicant if you worked in camp setting or equivalent during the summer of 2020. If this is your first year applying to be a part of the Camp Henry team and have no work experience in a camp setting or equivalent, you are considered a first-year applicant.

If you were hired for the 2020 camping season as a second-year staff member and have only worked one camp season, you are considered a second-year applicant. You may be considered for a non-counselling position; however, this will depend on your other qualifications and experiences.

Please note, if you are applying to the same position that you were hired for in the 2020 camping season, you will not be guaranteed this same position on the Camp Henry 2021 staff team. We will take this into consideration during the hiring process, but all applicants will be required to go through the interview process again this year.

Applicants applying to non-counselling positions and have 2 or more years experience working at Camp Henry or equivalent experience: Please note non-counselling positions are limited. We are looking for specific fit to match qualities and qualifications to reflect the specific YMCA program or role. Many applicants have who have great qualities and quality previous performance but may not fit the specific role may be offered another position or not offered a position. If you are interested in various positions, please indicate so on your application and cover letter.

How to Apply

There are several factors that contribute to our hiring decisions at YMCA Camp Henry:

1. Previous job/volunteer performance at other places of employment or placements (references)
2. Experience and qualifications
3. Professionalism of your application package and interview
4. Performance (including punctuality) during the interview

We recognize that often we must turn away qualified applicants simply based upon the strength of other applicants.

All applicants (**new and returning staff**) must submit the following documents:

- Application for Employment (standard form, available online at <https://www.ymcaswo.ca/yhc-work-here>)
- Cover Letter
- Résumé
- New applicants: 3 references that can attest to your character and/or your previous job performance (note: it is YMCA policy to contact references prior to any offer of employment)
- Returning applicants from 2019 **only**: contact information for all employers you've had since you last worked for Camp Henry the previous year; if you have NOT been employed since the end of summer 2019; please indicate this on your application form by writing "Camp Henry was my most recent employer".

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Applications can be submitted by email or mail.

Email: PDF and/or Word documents only (any emailed applications must be sent as one complete document rather than individual scanned pages)
nancy.knyf@swo.ymca.ca

Mail:
YMCA Camping Services
Attn: Camp Henry Employment 2019
165 Elmwood Ave E
London, ON
N6C 0A8
Tel: 519-453-8858 x 1103

Once all applications have been reviewed, you may be contacted **by email** for an interview. **Please note that we can only discuss the application and hiring process directly with the applicant.**

The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is committed to providing a barrier-free environment for all stakeholders including our members/participants, employees, job applicants, suppliers, and any visitors who may enter our premises, access our information, or use our services. As an organization, we respect and uphold the requirements set forth under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005), and its associated standards and regulations.

We thank all interested applicants however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Questions regarding the application process can be directed to:

Nancy Knyf

General Manager of Overnight Camping

Phone: 519-453-8858 x1102

nancy.knyf@swo.ymca.ca

2021 Overnight Staff Wages

Experience	2021 Wages
1st year	\$265
2 nd year	\$315
3 rd year	\$375
4 th year	\$465
5 th year	\$570
6 th year	\$600

YMCA Camp Henry Summer 2021 Positions

YMCA Camp Henry operates in June-October and offers traditional summer camp programs and Outdoor Education programs for campers, families, schools and community groups for youth, adults and families.

Summer contracts will tentatively begin in late June 2021, at the start of summer staff training (pre-camp). These contracts will tentatively end in mid August 2021. Some counselling and non-counselling positions listed in the summer contract section may have Family Camp positions (late Aug) and Outdoor Centre positions (June/September/October) available/required as well.

Spring contracts would tentatively begin late in early June 2021 and end in late June 2021. Fall contracts would tentatively begin in early September 2021 and end in early October 2021.

Counselling Positions

Overnight Camp Counsellor

Counsellors will work as a counselling team working directly with campers, providing support and 24-hour supervision to campers (ages 5-16). They are responsible for the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the campers in their care. Counsellors will assist with all camp wide programs, as well as create and facilitate activities with their own cabin group. Counsellors will lead core programs and give support to specific program areas throughout the camp season. Overnight camp counsellors may also have the opportunity to support different areas of camp by working with the kitchen, leadership counselling or program. All counsellors will report directly to their designated Section Head.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, NL (preferred), and Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening.

Preferred Applicants: Fun and responsible individuals looking to focus on the needs of campers. Successful completion of a leadership program and/or counselling experience is an asset.

Day Camp Counsellor

Day Camp counsellors will work with our small day camp working directly with campers, providing support and 24-hour supervision to campers (ages 5-13). They are responsible for the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the campers in their care. Counsellors will assist with all camp wide programs, as well as create and facilitate activities with smaller groups. Day Camp Counsellors will lead core programs and give support to specific program areas throughout the camp season. Day camp counsellors may also have the opportunity to support different areas of camp by working with the overnight camp, in the kitchen, leadership counselling or program. All counsellors will report directly to their designated Section Head.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, NL (preferred), and Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening.

Preferred Applicants: Fun and responsible individuals looking to focus on the needs of campers. Successful completion of a leadership program and/or counselling experience is an asset.

Leadership Counsellor

Leadership Counsellors will work as part of a counselling team with a primary focus of working directly with campers, providing support and 24-hour supervision. They are responsible for the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the campers in their care. Leadership Counsellors will assist with all camp wide programs, as well as create and facilitate activities with their own cabin group. They will lead core programs and give leadership to specific program areas throughout camp. Throughout the summer, Leadership Counsellors may have the opportunity to support different areas of camp by working with the kitchen or program team. As an added responsibility, Leadership Counsellors will work closely with the Camp Director, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator to expand upon and facilitate leadership programs for campers aged 14-16 during certain sessions. Responsibilities include: delivering creative programs, facilitating sessions on leadership skills, fostering personal growth opportunities, providing feedback on performance, and evaluation of participants. This position may be alternated with a traditional Counselling position when leadership programs are not running.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, NL (preferred), and Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening.

Preferred Applicants: Fun and responsible individuals looking to focus on the needs of campers. Independently motivated person with extensive camp experience and other relevant experiences who relates well to youth and delivers consistent and positive feedback.

Inclusion Counsellor

YMCA Camp Henry is looking for Inclusion Counsellors to work as part of a counseling team with a primary focus of working directly with inclusion campers that need different levels of support and supervision. They are responsible for the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the campers in their care. They may work one on one with campers or provide support at certain times of the day for certain campers. They are responsible for running programs and developing techniques to ensure that campers feel included and comfortable in the camp environment. They will also be responsible for developing a professional and caring relationship with the camper families to ensure that there is good communication before the camper arrives at camp and throughout their camp experience. This position may be alternated with the Day or Overnight Counsellor position depending on inclusion camper enrollment. Flexibility, adaptability and a willingness to take on new challenges are essential qualities for the role of Inclusion Counsellor.

Required Qualifications: NL, Standard First Aid, CPR C, Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening, experience working with campers who need different levels of support

Preferred Applicants: Fun and responsible individuals looking to focus on the individual needs of campers. Successful completion of at least one season of counseling

Food Service Positions

Prep Cook

The Prep Cook works as part of the food service team and is responsible for assisting in the delivery of food service to campers and staff at Camp Henry. They will support the food service and operations areas of camp through food preparation, baking, food storage, and by ensuring a clean and sanitary kitchen. This individual will have many opportunities to work with campers and staff in programs each day outside of their food service responsibilities.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, Food Safe Handling Certification, Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening.

Preferred Applicants: A positive person with a strong work ethic and desire to work with children in a camp setting. Experience in a leadership program and/or food service experience is an asset.

Food Service Coordinator

The Food Service Coordinator is responsible for the overall food service operation at camp. The Food Service Coordinator will be in charge of the preparation, delivery and oversight of all meals for the summer camp season. They will be responsible for all purchases with regards to food supplies, kitchen supplies and equipment, and are expected to manage this area's large budget. The Food Service Coordinator will oversee the prep cook and work together to prepare and serve all meals, with consideration given to specific dietary needs, as well as ensuring that the kitchen and food storage areas are maintained at a consistently high level of cleanliness. The Food Service Coordinator should be comfortable working in an industrial kitchen and have experience with upkeep of large commercial grade kitchen appliances. The Food Service Coordinator is expected to be flexible, willing to take on new projects, provide healthy meals, and eager to train staff in a fast paced, energetic environment. The Food Service Coordinator will also provide leadership and supervise the prep cook and work closely with other areas at camp to ensure smooth coordination of service delivery to all campers. They will report directly to the Camp Director.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, Food Safe Handling Certification, and Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening.

Preferred Applicants: A mature person with exceptional organizational skills and experience working in a kitchen and/or camp environment

Non-Counselling Positions

Section Head

The Section Head position is responsible for establishing a camper-focused attitude amongst the counseling team. The Section Head supervises and supports a portion of the counseling staff and fulfills the administrative requirements of the counseling area. They will coach counseling staff on camper care strategies and provide informal and formal feedback. The Section Head will provide support and coaching in dealing with day-to-day camper and counseling staff situations as they arise. The Section Head will constantly monitor the health and wellness of campers and staff, administer daily medications while overseeing any campers that need medical attention, and or a stay in the Wellness Centre. Communicating with camp management, camper families and assisting in issues regarding camper wellness (emotional and physical) is an integral part of the Section Head role. The Section Head will work closely with all areas of camp and will be directly supervised by the Assistant Director.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, NL (preferred), G Class License (preferred), and Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening, minimum 2 seasons of counselling or similar experience.

Preferred Applicants: Mature and patient individuals with extensive counselling experience and the ability to positively coach and supervise staff.

Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator is a key leadership position on the staff team and is responsible for establishing a participant-focused attitude amongst the program team and in all program areas at camp. They are responsible

for the safety and oversight of all activities at YMCA Camp Henry. The Program Coordinator will also supervise a program staff and work co-operatively to develop and deliver high quality activities. This staff member works closely with the Program Rover and Counsellors on instructing programs. They will work to ensure all programs are fun, creative, safe, and engaging in a way that supports the YMCA core values and the goals of the YMCA Camp Henry community. With the support of the senior staff team and Camp Director, this individual will be directly responsible for the safety and quality of the following programming areas: archery, biking, boating, swimming, arts and crafts, creative arts, initiatives, outdoor skill building, environmental learning programs, and all sports and games played at camp. This individual will create a program curriculum, assist other staff in the delivery of programs and ensure that each program area and all special events are run at a high standard of safety and of quality. The Program Coordinator also assists with program scheduling on a session-by-session basis. The Program Coordinator will ensure all equipment and supplies are always safe and stocked and in good working condition. This person supervised the Program Rover and Waterfront Coordinator and will report directly to the Camp Director.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, NL (preferred), G License (preferred) Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening, minimum 2 seasons of camp experience.

Preferred Applicants: Individuals with extensive experience in programming, a lot of positive energy, the ability to clearly instruct activities, develop age appropriate programs and effectively manage large groups of campers in all camp activities.

Assistant Director

The Assistant Director is part of the senior management team at Camp Henry along with the Camp Director to ensure smooth flow of the overall operations at camp. This individual is responsible for ensuring all campers; families and outdoor education participants receive high quality experiences that reflect the YMCA core values, mission and the YMCA's Camping Quality Recommended Practices. The Assistant Director is a key leadership position on the staff team and is responsible for directly supervising the Section Head and other team members, while establishing a camper-focused attitude amongst the team. This individual constantly monitors the level of camper care and supervision and is responsible for ongoing training opportunities and coaching to help develop skills of the staff team. The Assistant Director maintains the flow of communication with campers, families and outdoor education clients. This staff member works closely with the director and senior team to manage the administrative tasks for each session and outdoor education. This person will work with all areas of camp to ensure organization and smooth program delivery in all areas of camp. Importantly, the Assistant Director and Camp Director will work together to establish and maintain a camp culture that is inclusive, safe, positive and fun. This person will also act as the on-site designate for the Camp Director in their absence. This position reports to the Camp Director.

Required Qualifications: Standard First Aid, CPR C, G Class License, NL (preferred), Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Position Screening, minimum 2 seasons of counseling experience, minimum 1 season of staff supervision experience.

Preferred Applicants: Mature, patient, creative, and fun individual with a commitment to staff development through positive coaching, a strong understanding of Y mission and values, and extensive organizational and programming experience in a camp setting.