

# AMERICAMP GUIDE 2020



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# HELLO!

**WE ARE AMERICAMP, THE AWARD WINNING SUMMER CAMP ORGANISATION (ALSO KNOWN FOR OUR LOVE OF #FREEBISCUITS) WHO WORK HARD EVERY DAY TO MAKE PEOPLE'S DREAMS COME TRUE!**

AmeriCamp was founded on the desire to give people the chance to experience the Summer of a lifetime, whilst offering the best salaries and the lowest fees to our applicants. Call us sentimental, but we feel strongly that people should be earning a salary that reflects their skills and attributes!

One of our proudest moments here at AmeriCamp was when we were named Best Summer Camp Organisation by Save the Student in 2011. This is the industry's most prestigious award and we have remained title holders for a whopping 8 years running! We have also been named the number one Summer Camp Agency by The Summer Camp Guide - not too shabby!

However, what we are most proud of is our 99% placement rate for the past 3 years running!

At AmeriCamp, we work our hardest to ensure that you are placed at a Camp that is best suited to you, so that you can really make the most of your time at Camp! AmeriCamp has grown into one of the most popular cultural exchange programmes out there - so be prepared to apply early to avoid missing out on your Summer of a lifetime!

**THE AMERICAMP TEAM X**

**P.S. Don't forget your #FreeBiscuits**



# WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US...



**Vivien Allred**  
@VivienAllred

Comparing wages with people working at camp who haven't gone with @AmeriCamp and love that I'll learn so much more for the same job!



**Stephanie Sperry**  
@SteffisPerry

@AmeriCamp can't believe I only have one week left of camp. I'll be so sad to leave, it's been the best summer ever! Thank you for making it happen!



**Rhianna Osborne**  
@Rhianna\_Osborne

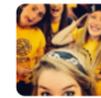
@AmeriCamp is easily the best decision I ever made #LifeChanger

**hannahgreen114**

Cannot believe I'm leaving camp today to start my travelling adventure. Had the best time every with these bunch of loons, so happy to have friends all over the world now. #AmeriCamp



♡86    Q16



**Alice Humphreys**  
@AliBali277

Off to North Carolina after an amazing 9 weeks at camp! Thank you so much to all the wonderful people @AmeriCamp!



**Leigh Walmsley**  
@auberginearcher

You feel a bit low and then come home to this! Thanks @AmeriCamp for cheering me right up! #littlethingsmeanalot



**Hannah Elisabeth**  
@Han\_Winkles

Camp, NYC and Washington DC done, now North Carolina, Florida, New Orleans, Texas & Chicago. Thanks @AmeriCamp for making this possible!



**Palvgren**  
@PatrickAlvgren

Thank you so much @AmeriCamp I can truly say I have had the best summer ever and met the most amazing of friends! Summer camp's are amazing!

**sophieflurkember**

So my life is amazing!  
#AmeriCamp



♡54    Q12



**Anya**  
@AnyaAmeriCamp

NYC will always have my heart, where would you like to go on your post-camp travels? @AmeriCamp #TheBigApple



**lee backhouse**  
@Lee\_Backhouse20

I've just been #plACed !! I cannot wait to start my @AmeriCamp adventure in June with Camp Timber Lake West! See you soon!



**Alice Holmes**  
@\_aliceholmes184

Absolutely can't wait to go the states next year #usa @AmeriCamp

# WHAT DO YOU GET?

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**PLACEMENT AT ONE OF THE VERY BEST CAMPS IN AMERICA**

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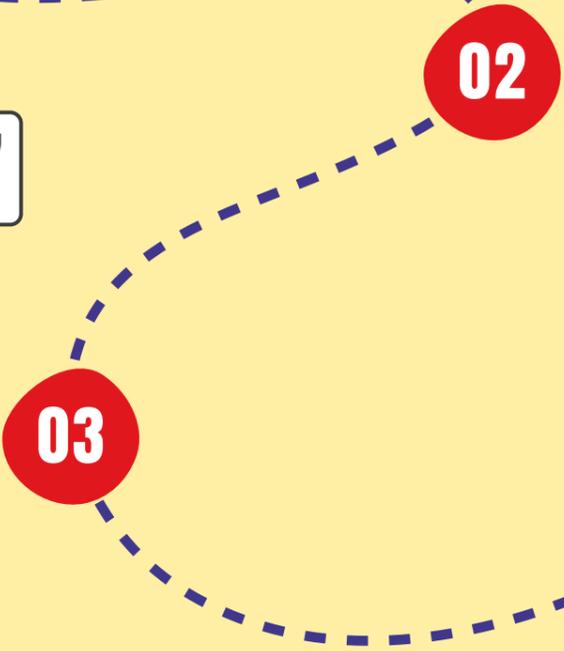
**HIGHEST SALARIES**

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**24/7 EMERGENCY AMERICAN HOTLINE**

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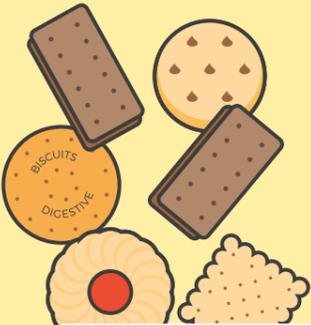


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**DISCOUNTS WITH OUR SISTER BRANDS AT CAMP.CO.UK**

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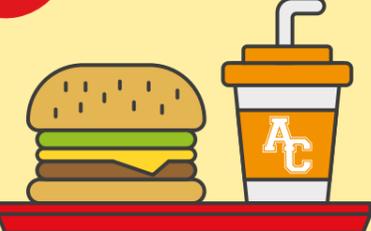
**#FREEBISCUITS**

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**FREE ACCOMMODATION**

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**FREE MEALS**

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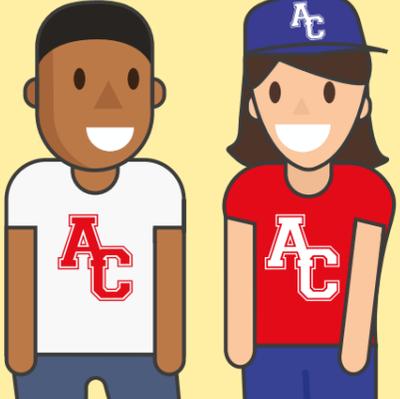
**FREE SIM CARD**

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**FREE T-SHIRT**

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**FUN REUNIONS WHEN YOU GET HOME**

# CAMP COUNSELLOR

There are two types of Camp Counsellors and both roles require endless enthusiasm, buckets of patience and a genuine desire to work with kids to ensure they have the best Summer ever!

## GENERAL CAMP COUNSELLORS

General Camp Counsellors are the lifeblood of Camp. You will be responsible for waking your Campers in the morning and ensuring they get to bed safely at night. Whilst taking part in fun activities you will also be the one these kids look up to. So, prepare to be idolised by many and receive dozens of friendship bracelets to remind you of your Summer in America with these keen little Campers.

## ACTIVITY COUNSELLORS

Activity Counsellors are usually skilled and experienced in a particular activity and will directly instruct or assist with the Campers. You will usually teach in your field during the day. For example, if you are a sailor expect plenty of time on the water and a wicked tan! In the evening you will normally join in with the Camp activities, be it a rowdy Campfire or a fantastic show on stage.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO BE A CAMP COUNSELLOR

18 BY THE 1ST OF JUNE

STACKS OF ENERGY

PASSION FOR ADVENTURE

LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS

DON'T NEED TO BE A STUDENT

SKILLED IN SPORTS, ARTS, CRAFTS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES OR CHILDCARE



# SUPPORT STAFF

If Camp counsellors are the lifeblood then Support Staff are the backbone of Camps, instrumental in the upkeep and day-to-day running of each Camp. Typically responsible for all important 'behind the scenes' activities, you will be tasked with all manner of maintenance duties, from painting, gardening to any other necessary practical work. This is a behind the scenes role but you will still be able to take part in evening Camp activities.

## ROLES INCLUDE:

- Maintenance
- Grounds Keeper
- Admin
- Laundry
- House Keeping
- Kitchen Staff

## REMEMBER...

You must be a full-time student or recent graduate  
Great addition to your CV  
Support staff get more time off



## WHAT YOU NEED TO BECOME SUPPORT STAFF



# TYPES OF CAMP

## SPECIAL NEEDS

One of the most rewarding experiences you can have with AmeriCamp! Being a special needs AmeriCamper can require a slightly different skillset; patience, empathy and excellent communications skills along with a willingness to get involved. Previous experience is beneficial, but not essential as Camp Directors look for a person with a great personality who has a smile on their face whatever the situation. Typically you will be responsible for 2-6 Campers and you should be prepared to work with adults and kids.



## TRADITIONAL

This is what most people imagine when they think of doing AmeriCamp. These Camps have excellent facilities along with a wide range of programmes and activities. Camp activities range from Campfires and climbing walls, to the more adventurous quad-biking and off site visits.

## SPECIALITY CAMP

Like traditional Camps, but with a theme associated to them (e.g. Gymnastics Camp, Basketball Camp, Cheer Camps, etc.).



## UNDERPRIVILEGED

This will be like your Traditional Camp, but the children who are invited come from lower income families. Expect a great sense of family and community at these Camps.



## DAY CAMPS

These Camps will be like your traditional Camps or your specialty Camps, but the kids come during the day and you get your evening free.



## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Like your traditional Camps, but the kids who attend have special requirements such as diabetes, hearing impairments, or ADHD.



## SCOUT CAMPS

A hot favourite for anyone who was a scout or guide as a kid. These Camps focus on wilderness, adventure and outdoor living, so anyone who loves the outdoor will be in for a treat. Expect fun-filled days of kayaking, mountaineering, crafts and overnight expeditions.



## FAITH BASED

AmeriCamp has a wide range of faith-based Camps for Campers from a Christian or Jewish background. Some Camps focus on providing the typical Summer Camp experience with faith-based principles while other Camps encompass faith based learning and services throughout the programme. You will not necessarily have to be religious to work at a faith Camp, but a respect and understanding for other people's beliefs is essential.



# HOW TO APPLY



Welcome to our 4 Stage Application Process! We have kept it as simple as possible, whilst ensuring you have the necessary information to make your application shine through to as many Camp directors in America as possible!

## SALARY:



**UP TO \$1700**  
AGE 18 - 20



**UP TO \$1850**  
AGE 21+

## COSTS:



**STAGE 1 - £40**



**STAGE 2 - £70**



**STAGE 3 - £169\***

## STAGE 1

The first step is to fill in your application (this takes no more than an hour!) and make your Stage One payment of £40. You'll then be ready for interview! Please note, that this is refundable if you are not accepted onto the program after interview.

## STAGE 2

Once you have completed your interview, your interviewer will write up your interview notes and attach them to your application. After this, you will then be asked to pay the Stage Two cost of £70.

We will also help you with obtaining the below;

Two references

Creating a short application video

NB: Your police check and medical form are not required at this stage.

Once all of this has been done, your application will then circulate to over 600 Camp Directors in the USA who are actively seeking amazing staff for this Summer.

When a Camp likes the look of your application you will be put on what is called 'review'. You may be asked to have a Skype or Phone call with the Camp Director or you may get '#plACed' straight away!

## STAGE 3

Upon placement at a Camp, you will be asked to pay the final Stage Three payment of £169; this has to be paid within 10 days of you confirming your placement.

\*This cost will be £189 after January 1st 2020.

Your Stage Three payment secures your placement, sponsorship of your visa and your medical insurance for 90 days.

You will then be required to obtain a police check and completed medical form from your doctor.

Then, it's time to attend orientation, organise your visa and book your flights! The team will help you with all of this.

## STAGE 4

Get Certified With AmeriCamp through our new partnership with CanaPHEM.

Boost your credentials and stand out from the crowd in the build-up to your Summer of a Lifetime with a range of certifications and qualifications!

Complete your training prior to arrival at Camp and dramatically improve your chances of being #plACed!

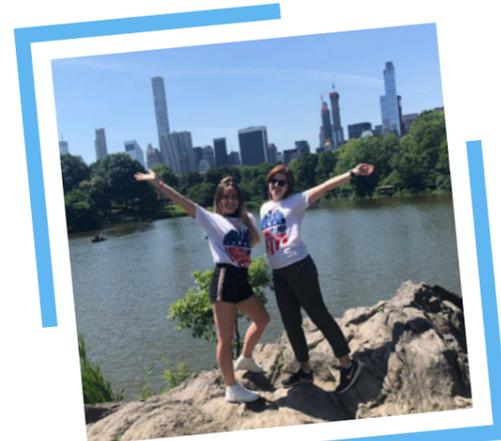
Qualifications can be used post-Camp for two or three years, with lifeguard and first aid certifications valid in UK, USA and Canada!

So, whether you're packing for your trip already, or need some extra spice to jazz up your application, add another feather to your bow and soar to the skies this Summer!

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## AVAILABILITY DATES

AmeriCamp runs a 9-week programme, with most Camps starting around the first two weeks of June and finishing about mid-August. However, the earlier you are available the better chance you have of being #plACed.



## CAMP FAIRS

There will be a number of Camp fairs in January. These are the perfect opportunity to meet Camp directors and secure your dream Summer job. We strongly advise that you attend these job fairs as this is your opportunity to speak to many Camp directors and find your perfect match.



## ORIENTATION

Make sure you are available to attend an AmeriCamp orientation this is a legal training requirement. We will be running events each month so ensure your name is down! (Or else you ain't getting on that plane).



## FLIGHTS

Flights are not included in the application fee and must be purchased separately. We work with a flight partner dedicated to working with AmeriCamp participants in getting them the best deal.



## INSURANCE

AmeriCamp offers excellent medical insurance, which covers you for the duration of your Camp contract. We recommend that you take our additional insurance to cover you for any period of travel outside Camp or to cover your belongings. Never take the risk of being in the US without adequate medical insurance. It's not worth it!



## 24 HOUR EMERGENCY HELPLINE

Obviously we hope that your Summer of a lifetime goes smoothly without a hitch, however, if you do encounter any problems we have a dedicated representative available 24 hours a day to take your calls, offer assistance and answer social media queries whatever the circumstances.



# POST CAMP TRAVEL

£349

## THE NEW YORK AFTER PARTY!

After completing AmeriCamp you will have 30 days to travel around the USA in order to end your Summer with an almighty bang! It's what is known as post Camp travel! Why not meet up with the AC family after Camp and, Stray right through the very heart of it in NY, or be dazzled by the bright lights of the notorious Las Vegas strip as part out our New York After Party.

**DAY 1** - Meet your fellow AmeriCampers this afternoon as you check into our awesome accommodation from 3pm. This evening jump on the iconic NYC Metro to the Rockefeller Center and admire the awe-inspiring, panoramic views of the New York skyline atop the titanic Top of the Rock Observation Deck.

**DAY 2** - We'll be departing the hostel bright and early for our trip to the incredible National History Museum, as featured in Night in the Museum. After a delicious lunch of New York pizza, Strap on a helmet, sit on the saddle and prepare to cycle through the sprawling grounds of Central Park, the iconic green space located in the heart of the city.

**DAY 3** - We'll spend the day checking out some of New York's most iconic attractions. With our included visit to the One World Observatory, you can visit the tallest building in the western hemisphere. Take a sobering but important visit to the Ground Zero memorial - you'll also have the chance to visit the museum. Afterward, we will join the locals and jump on the Staten Island ferry. This will give you the opportunity to see the NYC skyline from the water and also see Lady Liberty up close and personal.

**DAY 4** - Prepare to pack up your I Heart NYC hoodies, the day is yours to explore as you please and check out of the accommodation. If it's too soon to say goodbye to your AmeriCamp buddies, why not spend an extra couple of days in the city or jump on a trip down the east coast to Miami!?



## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

-  Your personal tour leader (who has exceptional local knowledge, and who will ensure you get the best experience possible)
-  3 Nights Accommodation (Breakfast Included)
-  Entry to the Top of the Rock
-  Entry into the Natural History Museum
-  Entry into the 9/11 Museum and Memorial
-  Bike hire for your ride around Central Park
-  New York Pizza and Milkshakes



CENTRAL PARK





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