



Camp O-AT-KA Assistant Unit Head - Senior Unit



About The Camp

Camp O-AT-KA, founded in 1906 on the shore of Lake Sebago in Maine and operated continually since then, is a traditional summer residential camp for boys ages 8-16. We seek to develop skills, instill confidence, and build character in a supportive family environment. We welcome campers and staff from a wide variety of backgrounds, and O-AT-KA seeks to bring them together by furthering common interests, promoting a sense of community, achieving progress towards goals, and fostering the development of lifelong friendships.

Camp O-AT-KA offers 30+ activities in athletics, arts, boating, theater, nature, outdoor skills, swimming, etc. and sessions for the campers run from two to seven weeks. The campus is in the town of Sebago and directly on Sebago Lake. The camp is set up in 3 units, dependent on age, with approx. 80-90 boys per week and 60 staff members.

About the Position

The assistant unit head reports to the Unit Head and provides leadership and support to the cabin counseling staff and high-school-aged campers under their charge. Campers in the senior unit are ages 14-15 and stay from two to seven weeks. This position will help organize and execute the daily schedule, including the evening activity, manage coverage and staff time off for the Unit, and troubleshoot as needed. He will participate in the counselor evaluation process, meet regularly with counselors and the Unit Head, and provide coverage for the Unit on the Unit Head's day off. In addition to above, regular duties include assisting with teaching crafts, and managing any difficulties that may arise, most notably homesick or otherwise unhappy campers or staff needing advice.

Key Attributes of a Successful Assistant Unit Head:

- At least 21 years of age and a valid driver's license
- Models exemplary behavior
- Experience working with school-age children, preferably in a camp setting
- Can communicate well with campers, counselors, parents, and leadership team members
- Takes personal responsibility for himself and his unit. Anticipates needs and acts accordingly.
- Able to act as a shepherd for the unit, notably before, during, and after colors, meals, siestas, and evening programs.
- Able to play the role of the available adult to help counselors enforce boundaries
- Strong planner, well-organized yet flexible. Confident, energetic, approachable, fun to be around.
- Knowledgeable about age-specific issues
- Able to teach and lead in several camp activity areas

Camp staff members are busy teaching, coaching, counseling, and helping boys make new friends, learn new skills, and grow stronger in body, mind, and spirit. Staff lead by example, and campers look up to them with admiration and respect. The best leaders have an aura of positive enthusiasm surrounding their attitude and actions. Camp staff must have a genuine love for children, a creative spirit, the ability to be flexible when needed, and lots of patience.

All full-time staff are expected to arrive at camp at the beginning of staff orientation on Sunday, June 19th and depart at the close of camp on Saturday, August 13th, unless special arrangements are made with the director in advance. Salary is negotiable. This is a residential position in which lodging, meals and laundry are provided. Camp O-AT-KA is an equal-opportunity employer. All staff must pass a thorough background check.

To apply, please email a resume and cover letter to Heather Plati, Executive Director, at hplati@camboatka.com

We will consider applications as they are received.

For more info on Camp O-AT-KA: www.camboatka.org