

2023 Summer Camp Counselor in Training Volunteer Opportunities

Position Title: Councilor In Training (Kayak and Rowing camp options, both with SUP)

Role Type: Summer 2023 Seasonal Volunteer

Work Hours and Period: Typically full time (40 hours per week) for two or more weeks sometime from end June to August 25, 2023, to be agreed. Flexible arrangements possible with prior mutual agreement.

Application Deadline: Ongoing recruitment subject to availability of spots

Location: Ottawa New Edinburgh Club, 501 Sir George-Etienne Cartier Parkway, Ottawa, K1M 2H9

The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club is again offering CIT opportunities for its Youth Paddling Day Camp. ONEC is one of the oldest boating clubs in Canada with over a hundred years of history. Our vision is to be the best and friendliest non-profit, volunteer, and community-based recreation and training summer sports club in Ottawa. ONEC encourages fun, fitness, and skills-acquisition for sports participants of all ages.

Roles and Responsibilities

The main duty of the Kayaking & SUP and Rowing & SUP CITs is to assist in the coaching of a cohort of campers in the relevant water sport activities as well as in other camp activities and to ensure a safe and fun experience for the campers (aged 11-16 years). There may be other duties related to summer camp activities and logistics as appropriate.

In general, this position is ideally suited to someone with interest and experience in relevant water sports activities and who enjoys working with young people in a fun and educational coaching or camp counselor environment. C.I.T.s will typically be completing grade 10 and be at least 15 years old by the summer. The goal is for C.I.T.s to be provided with development and teaching opportunities and to receive assessment and feedback information during their time at camp to aid them on the pathway to becoming councilors. They will play an important role in the ONEC summer camp team and must represent the club in a professional manner both on and off the water.

Desired Skills and Personal Traits

- Interest/ability to kayak or row, and paddle a SUP and to coach these skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience and/or interest working with children and youth (such as in a camp/recreation program coaching capacity)
- Team player ready to work with others to accomplish goals
- Customer relations skills for interacting with campers, their parents and club members
- Reliability and professionalism at all times
- Friendly, trustworthy and honest personality

Assets

- Paddle Canada Kayak and/or SUP qualifications
- Experience teaching kayaking and/or SUP and/or rowing
- Previous experience coaching, working in a camp or recreation program, with children or youth
- Experience practicing relevant sports in competitive and/or recreational capacity
- Swimming ability, lifeguarding training and/or qualifications
- Bilingual (English/French) and/or experience working in both official languages
- Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC)
- First Aid/CPR Certification

Further Job Description Details and Specific Responsibilities:

- To assist in the coaching and delivery of the ONEC Paddling (Kayaking & SUP) and/or Rowing (Rowing & SUP) Camp programs
- To collaborate with other camp counselors and C.I.T.s and proactively seek support, working as a team, to ensure the safe and fun delivery of the Paddling and/or Rowing programs for campers
- To be familiar with, comply with and promote all club rules and policies
- To help ensure a safe environment for the Paddling and/or Rowing camps on both land and water
- To help ensure that proper boat and equipment care is followed, see that boats are neatly and properly returned to their assigned spaces as well as carry out basic maintenance on boats and equipment used
- To communicate effectively, and on a regular basis, with instructors, other C.I.T.s and youth camp participants
- To help ensure that ONEC equipment and facilities are in good condition at the end of the day
- Other related duties as assigned by Instructors, club Directors and management staff

We are an equal opportunity employer. We welcome and encourage applications from people with disabilities. We will work with you to accommodate your needs in line with the goals of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require accommodation through the application or interview processes, or any stage of the recruitment process, please contact ONEC directly at paddling@onec.ca.

To Apply:

Please complete the online application anytime! We will have ongoing recruitment subject to availability of spots!