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Camp Chewonki for Girls *Assistant Cook*

The Chewonki Foundation is dedicated to helping people grow individually and in community with others by providing educational experiences that foster an understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the natural world and that emphasize the power of focused, collective effort. The Chewonki Foundation is a year-round environmental education center located on a 400-acre peninsula in mid-coast Maine with out lying facilities at Big Wood Pond in Jackman Maine, Big Eddy Campground on the West Branch of the Penobscot River, Fourth Debsconeag Wilderness Camps, and on several islands along the Maine Coast. Chewonki offers a summer wilderness camp for girls ages 8-17, a summer camp program for boys' ages 8-15, co-ed wilderness expeditions for 13-18 year olds, Family and Adult wilderness trips throughout the year, - an 11th grade program, the Maine Coast Semester, and environmental education programs for school groups. Visit our website at www.chewonki.org.

Camp Chewonki for Girls will officially open its doors at Fourth Debsconeag Lake Wilderness Camps on June 24, 2008, after 93 summers of residential camp for boys. Our new camp will offer a suite of wilderness based programs for girls ages 11-17, with an introductory program on Chewonki Neck for girls ages 8-10.

Fourth Debsconeag Lake Wilderness Camps is nestled in a wilderness area of vast proportions, surrounded by 90,000 acres of conservation lands owned by the State of Maine and The Nature Conservancy, just 12 miles south of the West Branch of the Penobscot River and Chewonki's Big Eddy Campground. Another 50,000 acres just south of the site, in the 100-Mile Wilderness, is owned and managed by The Appalachian Mountain Club. More than 500,000 acres of Baxter State Park and adjoining conservation lands lie to the north.

Camp Chewonki for Girls will set itself apart from other girl's camps in Maine first and foremost because of its wilderness setting and program centered on wilderness travel. The summer will be broken into two 3-week sessions, the number of girls in camp never exceeding 30 at one time. Girls ages 11-14 will participate in a combination of in-camp activities and wilderness travel, with a total of 13 days in camp during the 3 weeks. Girls ages 15-17 will be in camp only for the first two days and last two days of their 3 weeks. While in camp, girls will share meals together in the dining lodge. While on trail, meals will be packed and prepared by their trip leaders and trip participants.

Chewonki seeks someone who is enthusiastic about embarking on this new era; is creative about visioning innovative systems; is able to work with a flexible, unpredictable schedule; and is excited about starting new traditions at Camp Chewonki for Girls.

Assistant Cook Job Description

The Assistant Cook is responsible for working with and under the guidance of the Kitchen Manager/Food Coordinator to provide a safe and smooth operation of the Fourth Debsconeag Lake Girls Camp Kitchen. This includes the ability to prepare wholesome meals from scratch while practicing proper food safety techniques in handling, organization, and storage of food as well as in keeping the overall cleanliness of the kitchen in high standard. The Assistant Cook must also be able to follow an assigned menu plan when the Kitchen Manager/Food Coordinator is not present. Because Fourth Debsconeag Lake is in a remote location, coordinating fresh food re-supplies and using safe food storage practices is an essential aspect of the job that will ensure the healthy nourishment of campers and camp staff.

While his/her major responsibility is cooking meals, it is important that he/she become familiar with all aspects of camp life and have a genuine interest in being part of a team that strives to make each child's camp experience the best and safest possible.

Objectives

- While girls are in camp, provide the Chewonki community with wholesome, nutritionally balanced, minimally processed, great tasting meals while addressing the special dietary needs of the community and using local and/or organic ingredients when possible.
- While girls are on or going on trail, help provide Girls wilderness trips with certain foods and supply needs.
- Assist the Kitchen Manager/Food Manager in maintaining a sanitary and pleasant environment for the preparation and enjoyment of Chewonki meals; maintain with the help of others all kitchen equipment
- Help the Chewonki Foundation maintain the quality of its programs and its role as a leader in Environmental Education in New England by ensuring the quality and the healthfulness of the food produced for the community.

Tasks

- *Preparation of Food*
- *Oversee Kitchen and Dining Area Cleaning.*
- *Supervise Dishroom Crew*
- *Help Oversee campers' roles*
- *Helping prepare, pick up, and organize food deliveries from town to camp*

The Assistant Cook has to be willing to perform a variety of different tasks according to need. In addition, all members of the Chewonki Community are expected to participate in the work of maintaining a safe, welcoming, clean and professional looking campus.

Who may apply: Applicants must be 18 years of age or older

Benefits include: Starting salary of \$2,800 for 10 weeks, plus room and board, and two weeks of paid training. We also provide a staff pro-purchase plan for discounts on out-door gear.

Dates: June 7- Aug. 13, 2010, includes two week staff training

Requirements: Completed application, screening & interview. Current certification in Basic First Aid and CPR preferred.

Health: Tobacco products are not allowed at Chewonki. A complete physical with current immunizations by a licensed physician is required 24 months prior to start of Camp.

Application Process: Submit your resume, cover letter, and *application to Genell Vashro, Girls Camp Director

*Application is available online