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## **Camp Chewonki for Girls** ***Cook Position***

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 8-16, 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](http://www.chewonki.org).

Camp Chewonki for Girls officially opened its doors at Fourth Debsconeag Lake Wilderness Camps on June 24, 2008, after 94 summers of residential camp for boys. Our new camp offers a suite of wilderness based programs for girls ages 10-16, with an introductory program on Chewonki Neck for girls ages 8-11.

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 sets 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 is broken into two 3-week sessions, the number of girls in camp never exceeding 40 at one time. Girls ages 10-14 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 14-16 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. Some days may include a picnic lunches to allow for exploration of the local trails, cliffs, and water ways. While on trail, meals will be packed and prepared by their trip leaders and trip participants.

Chewonki seeks someone who is enthusiastic about being a part of the Camp Chewonki for Girls community in the North Maine Woods; is creative about visioning innovative systems; enjoys and has experience cooking for others; is able to work with a flexible, unpredictable schedule.

### **Cook Position Job Description**

The Cook is responsible for working with, and under the guidance of, the Food Coordinator to provide a smooth and safe operation of the Fourth Debsconeag Camp Kitchen and organization of fresh food supplies for wilderness trips. This includes knowledge of food safety, timely and wholesome food preparation, food organization and storage, and the overall cleanliness of the kitchen. Because Fourth Debsconeag Camp is in a remote location, coordinating fresh food re-supplies for extended and food storage 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, 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 home-cooked, wholesome, well-balanced, pleasant tasting meals being aware of special dietary concerns for staff and campers.
- While girls are on or going on trail, help provide Girls wilderness trips with certain food and supply needs and prepare for returning meals and celebrations.
- Work with Food Coordinator to help with food organization, pick up, and delivery.
- Ensuring the quality and the healthfulness of the food produced for the community.

## Tasks

- *Preparation of Food*, as well as overseeing campers and other staff helping with meal preparation
- *Oversee Kitchen and Dining Area Cleaning*: When the Kitchen Manager is not present, the Assistant Cook is responsible for cleaning the kitchen, compost area, the compost area, coffee area and snack tables. The Assistant Cook is responsible for overseeing the cleanliness of the dining hall area. This also includes making sure that the dish crew cleans the dishes and a sanitary fashion, as well as making sure the kitchen equipment is cleaned properly after each use. The cooks are also responsible for cleaning pots and pans that are used for food preparation.
- *Help Oversee the Summer Camp Dining Room*: During summer camp, the campers and counselors act as waiters as part of their camp experience. The Cook will provide instruction and guidance to the table setters and waiters so that meals are served in an efficient manner.
- *Participation in Camp Community*, The Cook has to be willing to perform a variety of different tasks according to need. All members of the Chewonki Community are expected to participate in the work of maintaining a safe, welcoming, clean and professional looking campus. We encourage all staff and campers to do their part to keep the campus and community a clean and vibrant place to live together. Whether it is taking out the trash or singing along at campfire, we would like all staff to be present and invested in the community throughout their time on site.
- *Supervise Dishroom Crew*: When the Assistant Cook is in charge of meal preparation, it is their responsibility to ensure that the various dish crew teams work in an efficient and clean manner. This includes summer crew, faculty and student dish crews throughout the year. It is also their responsibility to oversee the cleanliness of the dishroom throughout the day.

**Who may apply:** Applicants must be 21 years of age or older

**Dates:** June 8- Aug. 14, 2009, includes two week staff training

**Requirements:** Experience cooking. Working with children preferable. 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 3 references to Genell Vashro, Director. We will contact qualified applicants to arrange a visit and interview. This position will begin June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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