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## **Camp Chewonki for Girls** *Assistant Camp Director*

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](http://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. Chewonki has served girls for the past four decades with wilderness expeditions and school programs, but we have never operated a summer camp exclusively for girls.

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.

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.

The Assistant Director is an important member of the Senior Camp Staff, a group of camp leaders that regularly consults with the Camp Director and helps to oversee most aspects of the camp. The Assistant Director acts as the Camp Director in the Director's absence in consultation of Senior Staff Members. The Assistant Director communicates regularly with the Camp Director regarding all camp matters and works closely with the Camp Director to identify, address and resolve any issues related to camp and wilderness program management.

The Assistant Director must possess clear communication skills, a thorough understanding of the various functions of the camp, wilderness tripping, logistics of being on a remote site, and be able to be available to all staff members. The job is challenging, demanding, and requires a great deal of patience and understanding. Personal lifestyle sacrifices may have to be made. Sensitive and dynamic leadership is necessary to provide campers the opportunity to grow, to relate to others, to establish life-long values and to increase their awareness of the natural world.

**Objectives:**

1. Provide strong leadership and training, and be a good role model for all staff involved in wilderness trips and in camp.
2. Assist Camp Director in all aspects of running camp: planning, preparation, staff training, wrap up, etc.
3. Coordinate camper travel to and from Chewonki with the Camp Registrar and the Administrative Assistant
4. Coordinate and practice Chewonki's emergency drills
5. Maintain Special Reservations and Permits
6. Coordinate Wilderness Trip Files

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

1. Completed application, screening & interview. Current Wilderness First Responder certification.
2. Sophisticated organizational skills;
3. Experience in teaching and education;
4. Experience leading wilderness trips;
5. Knowledge of women's issues and adolescent girl development and issues of socioeconomic and cultural diversity;
6. Knowledge of Maine's ecology and history;
7. Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel;

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

**Dates:** May 19- Aug. 22, 2008 (minimum), 13 weeks includes two week staff training

**Requirements:** Completed application, screening & interview. Current Wilderness First Responder certification. Lifeguard training 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:

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Application Deadline is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**

\*Application is available online