LEADERSHIP INTERN

Camp Invention Opportunity Description

Overview

The Leadership Intern opportunity is ideal for high school students entering grades 10, 11 or 12. This opportunity builds leadership skills through formalized training and practical experience, introduces entrepreneurial and intellectual property concepts, strengthens college applications and provides a meaningful setting to complete required volunteer hours.

The Leadership Intern serves as a role model to participants, mentor to Counselors-in-Training (CIT) and primary liaison between parents and the program’s Director. Leadership Interns represent the Camp Invention program and brand. They help create an environment of fun, learn strategies to encourage collaborative learning, build the trust and respect of parents and assist in providing a safe environment for participants. It is often the role of an outstanding Leadership Intern that makes the Camp Invention experience most memorable for participants.

Benefits

Interns receive formalized leadership training and certification, developed by a third-party leadership training organization. The two-hour, online training is self-directed and completed prior to their week of volunteering at Camp Invention.

The formalized online training and program provide students opportunities to:

- Improve communication skills through interactions with parents, educators and participants
- Discover how to build teamwork and guide a team
- Learn techniques to inspire creativity in others
- Apply newly acquired leadership skills in a dynamic environment
- Get inspired to be creative and learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts, as well as innovation through program content
- Develop an understanding of Intellectual Property concepts and their connection to future economic prosperity
- Learn entrepreneurial concepts through the lens of innovation and invention. Great for DECA club members
- Gain an increased awareness of personal leadership strengths and receive feedback from adult staff
- Set themselves apart when applying for colleges, universities, scholarships or considering future employment
- Receive a letter of recognition provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- Earn up to 40 community service hours in a STEM educational program. Great for National Honor Society and graduation requirements or related coursework
RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Participant Leadership

• Getting to know participants in his or her group by name
• Motivating all participants to fully engage in the program experience
• Fostering a sense of team spirit and fun
• Treating all participants equally, in a respectful and professional manner
• Being a great role model

Facilitation

• Facilitating activities during sign-in/sign-out and Base Camp times
• Empowering participants to problem solve through curricular activities
• Assisting participants to build skills to successfully work in teams

Logistics & Safety

• Making reminder calls to parents prior to the program (if asked)
• Escorting children to and from all areas they travel to individually and as a group
• Working with the Director and Instructors to maintain order, but not discipline
• Assisting Instructors in the classrooms with clean-up and other tasks
• Assisting with lunch and eating with participants
• Keeping track of group members at all times – until the last participant is picked up

Mentoring a Counselor-in-Training (CIT), if applicable

• LIs will be paired with one or two CITs who are at least two grades below the LI’s grade level
• Greeting CITs and reviewing goals, tasks and leadership tips for the day
• Coaching CITs throughout the day and helping them serve in a leadership capacity
• Giving CITs feedback in a positive and constructive manner throughout the week

REQUIREMENTS

• Must complete online training before the week of the program
• Must complete a post program review
• Must be available prior to the program’s start date for training and set-up
• Must be available for entire length and duration of the program (typical schedule is Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
• Must be able to follow all Camp Invention rules of conduct and safety guidelines