

# Become a Counsellor with Luethi-Peterson Camps (LPC)

## Our Purpose: Goals & Aims

Luethi-Peterson Camps (LPC) is founded on the conviction that personal friendship and mutual respect are essential to global peace. Our projects bring together small groups of children from diverse countries, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds to live together in a summer camp setting. By fostering these connections early, we prepare children to combat prejudice and develop a strong sense of responsibility toward their community.

## The Counsellor's Role

Your primary role is to create an atmosphere where understanding and friendship can develop naturally. You will facilitate common activities that stimulate the interests and general development of each individual child while building a warm, inclusive community.

## Essential Information for Applicants

- **Cultural Exchange Participation:** LPC summer camp counsellors participate in cultural exchange with other summer camp participants. All counsellors must pay for their own transportation costs to and from camp.
- **Qualifications:** Prior experience working with children is beneficial, and it is helpful to be fluent in at least two languages.
- **Simple Living:** Camp life is intentionally kept simple. Counsellors are expected to adapt to new customs, contribute to the community, and help out wherever needed.
- **Code of conduct:** We prefer non-smokers, and smoking is never permitted near children. The use of drugs is prohibited, and alcohol use must be strictly limited as it is detrimental to counsellor efficiency.
- **Authority:** The Camp Director bears full responsibility and acts as the final authority in the camp.

## Core Camp Structures

- **The Family System:** Campers and staff are divided into "families" of six or seven people of mixed nationalities and ages. Families eat together, celebrate birthdays, and enjoy a weekly "Family Day" for excursions or games.

- **Courses:** Counsellors lead daily sessions in folk dancing, sports, arts and crafts, music, or language. You should be prepared to teach activities that challenge children over both short and long periods.
- **Rolling Self-Government:** We empower campers to take responsibility for camp life, ranging from meal preparation to leading games. By the end of the summer, campers may even run the program entirely themselves.
- **Assemblies & Meetings:** Regular assemblies allow the whole camp to discuss suggestions and solve problems collectively. Staff also hold daily conferences to maintain effective communication.

## General Responsibilities

- All counsellors share the collective duty of keeping the camp running smoothly, including waking the children, supervising cleaning and managing bedtimes, and take on - individually or in smaller groups - specific responsibilities in the daily running of camp, such as distributing camp mail or organizing the camp's kitchen.

## A Typical Daily Schedule

- **Morning:** Wake-up exercises, breakfast, singing, and "**Putzpause**" (a general cleaning period for the house and laundry).
- **Afternoon:** Language sessions, specialized activity courses, lunch, and a designated quiet rest hour.
- **Evening:** Afternoon snacks, group games, dinner, and an evening program followed by bedtime for campers and a daily staff meeting.

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**Interested in joining us?** For more information, contact the **LPC European Central Office** at: [office@luethipetersoncamps.org](mailto:office@luethipetersoncamps.org)