

Marimeta

summer camp for girls | eagle river, wisconsin

Marimeta Social Worker

The Role in a Nutshell:

We're looking for a social worker to facilitate ongoing support for campers and staff, particularly in their social and interactive needs. The camp social worker will work with campers to address everything from missing home to working through the challenges of living with a group of peers to celebrating camper accomplishments and growth. Camp can create unique opportunities for kids to feel more comfortable and it may present unique challenges (after all, when was the last time you lived with 10-15 of your peers and 3-4 caretakers?) For campers or staff who need ongoing support, this person will be available to set up regular check-ins and create plans to help our campers and staff grow socially and emotionally at camp. Where appropriate, the social worker will help guide staff and campers in resolving conflict as well. This person should be approachable, responsible, and ready and willing to step in wherever they are needed!

Responsible To: The Directors, Assistant Director

General Responsibilities:

- Assist with developing and facilitating staff training regarding trends to prepare staff to handle.
- Continued advising of camper and staff well-being to Directors and leadership.
- Abide by all the rules, policies, standards and traditions at Marimeta.
- Serve as a role model throughout your summer at camp for both the staff and campers.
- Step in wherever an extra hand is needed.
- Ask for help/support when needed.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Meet with campers needing additional/continued support during the summer before camp.
- Get to know campers and staff, and their dynamics in their cabins, at meals and at activities.
- Be aware of who needs your support and to offer that support, if possible, without being asked.
- Make yourself available to staff and campers by scheduling and communicating about office hours.
- Keep the Directors and Assistant Director informed of the welfare of the campers and staff on a continuing basis and in a timely manner.
- Document incidents and share with directors regularly and in a timely manner.
- Assist in conflict resolution and cabin meetings when necessary.
- If warranted, communicate with parents and families regarding their camper's challenges, successes, and supports.
- Support staff and leadership to handle the social and emotional development of campers and staff, including but not limited to;
 - Facilitating data collection regarding SEL skills.
 - Helping counselors to facilitate growth within their campers in their SEL skills.
 - Meeting in small groups or 1:1 with campers and staff to aid in problem solving, resilience, and personal development.
- Other duties as assigned.

This Job Might Be For You If:

You like working with kids and youth leaders! In a camp environment, the ability to work effectively with kids and youth leaders is crucial. As the camp social worker, you'll be responsible, alongside our full camp team, for guiding, mentoring, and creating a positive experience for campers. Your interpersonal skills will shine as you foster a safe, inclusive, and engaging atmosphere where campers feel comfortable expressing themselves and exploring new activities.

You are eager to put your social work degree into practice. This job is very hands-on and immersive. From the minute the kids jump off the bus (and even before that during staff training) you'll have the opportunity to put your knowledge and experience to use by responding to the emotional and social needs of our camp community. We're looking for someone eager to share your knowledge and jump in from day one to connect with campers and staff, and provide guidance and support to fellow staff members.

You are good at setting boundaries! Setting boundaries and sticking to them will help maintain structure and order while handling various responsibilities and model this healthy behavior for campers and staff alike. We're looking for someone who is able to prioritize effectively to ensure that both campers and staff receive the attention and guidance they need without burning yourself out! This is something we work with all staff on throughout the summer.

You enjoy collaborating: We thrive on teamwork and collaboration. We're looking for someone who is eager to work alongside fellow camp staff to create an enriching experience for campers. Whether it's brainstorming ideas for cabin bonding, coordinating schedules, or addressing challenges, your collaborative mindset will foster an environment where everyone's strengths come together to create a cohesive and exciting program.

You have patience! Patience is a virtue in any camp setting and Marimeta is no exception. Camp is often nonstop, and we are looking for someone who can remain composed and understanding, even in potentially challenging and sometimes unexpected situations. Your patience will be invaluable to us as you work with campers of varying personalities, backgrounds, and needs, and model that patience for other staff, too. Your patient approach will help create a camp environment where everyone feels heard and valued, promoting a sense of belonging and trust.