

“Y” WORK AT WILLSON?

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Where We Are

A BIG PLUS!! YMCA Camp Willson is located 1 hour northwest of Columbus, 1-1/2 hours south of Bowling Green and 1 hour north of Dayton.

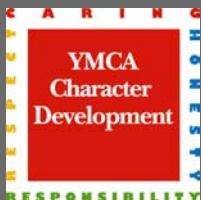
Willson is 2 miles west of Bellefontaine, which offers a host of restaurants, recreational activities, and a multi-screen movie theatre.

Many popular recreational areas are close and can be enjoyed on days off. State Parks, beaches, and popular tourist attractions are also nearby.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the YMCA is to serve the whole community through programs expressing Judeo-Christian principles that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

We achieve this through our commitment to our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.



Who We Are...

Since 1918, the YMCA Camp Willson has served boys and girls from Ohio, the United States, and around the world.

Willson is a Branch of the YMCA of Central Ohio which serves the Greater Columbus area. The YMCA of Central Ohio is served by 2 Outdoor Centers and 11 Branches. The YMCA offers a wide range of programs that serve the community. Some of these programs include: child care, family programs, youth sports, juvenile justice, fitness, aquatics, adult residential housing, and of course....

C A M P I N G !

Our Campers

Willson serves boys and girls ages 7-17 years old who are predominantly from the Central Ohio area.

Cabin groups are formed with same age/same gender campers with a ratio of at least 1 counselor to every 8 children. Teen program ratios are either 1:6 or 1:4 depending on the program. All groups have one or two counselors per cabin. Most campers participate in one week sessions, with approximately 120—190 campers each camp session.

Conference groups run concurrently with resident camp sessions. These groups range from church groups to music groups to special needs groups. The summer season concludes after the Labor Day Family Camp.

Employment Dates

The Summer Camp Season

June 10 to August 12, 2006
Some Ranch and horseback riding instructors will work through Aug. 19.

Pre and Post Employment

work is available between
May 8-Sept 4

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Outdoor Education

Full time, year-round positions as Naturalists are available to college graduates and often come available in the Fall and Spring through our Outdoor Education Program.

Skills Training

June 3 to June 8, 2006

Opportunities are provided for additional training in Life-guarding, CPR, First Aid, horseback riding, target sports, and/or adventure education. You will be paid to learn these valuable skills.

The “C” in the YMCA

The YMCA began its mission in 1844 in London, England. Sir George Williams saw a culture in moral crisis and formed an organization to strengthen spiritual values through Christian teaching and practice. The Young Men’s Christian Association in the 21st Century is no longer just for the young, or just for men, and we welcome people of all faiths. But we still strive after the same original mission—to strengthen the moral fabric of our society by following the teachings of Jesus and to make his prayer, as stated in our emblem in John 17:21, “That they all may be one...” a reality.



YOU will be expected to play a part in this mission. It is an important part of our work as camp staff. Staff are expected to take part and lead daily chapel services, leading graces at meals, facilitating cabin devotions in the evenings, and in general, being a moral compass among your peers and for young people to follow.

We’re on the web!
www.ymcawillson.org

Willson Facilities

The YMCA Camp Willson is located on 455 acres of field, native prairie lands, and woodlands. The focal point of the Camp is Lake Mac-O-Chee, a 40 acre, spring-fed lake of glacial origin. This lake is host to a multitude of activities through the summer including boating, swimming and a water trampoline.

Accommodations include 13 summer cabins with separate shower houses, and 14 winterized cabins with self-contained restroom facilities. Three cabins house Ranch Campers at our Rostofer Ranch and the Frontier Program is housed in tree-house and ground level cabins. Meals are served family style in Pettigrew Hall, our dining facility. Other winterized facilities include the ClarArt Conference Center (with nature and crafts room) and the Birdhouse. Willson has a lighted outdoor sports complex which includes 3 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, hard court and sand volleyball, archery and BB gun ranges, two athletic fields, as well as a 25' climbing wall and High Ropes course.

The Equestrian Program provides two horseback riding areas (Rostofer Ranch for teens and the White Barn for campers 7-12). The Ranch provides riders with 2 training arenas and Chuckwagon, the Ranch dining facility.

The YMCA Camp Willson operates year round camping programs serving over 12,000 individuals each year.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The pay ranges listed are based on experience and reflect our nine week (1wk training and 8 wk camp) summer season unless otherwise indicated. All positions include room, board, and Workers Compensation Coverage.

Program Administration

Seasonal Assistant Director (\$3,000 for 10 weeks; \$300/wk)

Work as part of the staff leadership team, provide direction, and supervise approximately 40 summer staff. Relate to counselors as a program resource and supervise program areas. Assist with paperwork and information flow. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous camp experience and supervisory experience required. Good driving record important. Outdoor Education, Recreation, Education, or related field of study preferred.

Health Care Supervisor (\$3,420-\$3,780 for 9 weeks; \$380 - \$420/wk)

Responsible for all medical duties of the camp including administering first-aid, assessing and treating injuries and illnesses, attending to ill children, and dispensing all medications according to doctor's standing orders. Must have first aid and CPR certifications and hepatitis B vaccination. RN certification desired.

Waterfront Director (\$2,250 for 9 weeks; \$250/wk)

Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of a 40 acre lakefront program. Waterfront programs include swimming, canoeing, row boating, sailing, and recreational water facilities. Will supervise up to 6 staff members. Lifeguarding certification and previous waterfront experience required. Must be at least 21 years old.

Ranch Director (\$2,500-\$2700 for 10 weeks; \$250—\$270/wk)

Responsible for the overall operation of the Ranch Camp Program including: supervision of 3-4 staff, up to 24 teens, and 30+ horses. Program development and implementation, and camper/parent relations. Must be knowledgeable regarding western riding instruction, horse care, and stable management. Strong leadership and horseback riding skills, creativity, and program experience required. Must be at least 21 years old. *Note: Last day of Ranch is August 20th.*

Adventure Education Coordinator (\$1,800-\$2,250 for 9 weeks; \$200-\$250/wk)

Responsible for the general operation of our high ropes elements, giant swing, pamper pole, group initiatives and climbing wall facilities. Must be knowledgeable regarding high ropes elements and care of equipment. Will have additional administrative duties with camp programs. Strong leadership facilitation and organizational skills required. Required training prior to the summer season. Must be at least 21 years of age.

Creative Arts Coordinator (\$1,620-\$2,250 for 9 weeks; \$180-\$250/wk)

Plan, organize, implement, and evaluate programs and supervise staff in the Creative Arts Adventure Area. Also responsible for leadership of Arts Camp Program. Will be required to assist in planning and implementation of evening programs, as well as additional administrative duties. Previous experience in arts, drama, education, or recreation preferred. Must be at least 21 years of age.



Counseling Leadership Positions

Frontier —Director (\$2,160-\$2,250 for 9 weeks; \$240-\$250 /wk) — **Counselors** (\$1,575-\$1800 for 9 weeks; \$175-\$200/wk)

Responsible for teen programming within the Frontier area. Supervise up to 12 campers, develop and implement a small group camping program, with a focus on group-centered decision making, **canoeing, outdoor cooking, climbing wall, and group initiatives**. Certified lifeguards with canoeing instruction experience preferred. Will teach and live in primitive campsites as well as on out-of-camp trips. Director must be at least 21 years old, possess a good driving record, and have camping/tripping experience. Lifeguard certification required or strong swimming skills and ability to complete Lifeguard training course offered June 3-8.

Trailblazers—Coordinator (\$2,160-\$2,250 for 9 weeks; \$240-\$250 /wk)—**Counselors** (\$1,575-\$1,800 for 9 weeks; \$175-\$200/wk)

Responsible for teen programming within the Trailblazer area. Will supervise up to 18 campers. Focus on group centered decision making. Staff will need experience in **sailing, nature craft, and/or adventure skills**. Coordinator must be at least 21 years and have leadership experience. Lifeguard certification preferred or strong swimming skills and ability to complete Lifeguard training course offered June 4-9.

Teen Leadership Counselors (\$1,575-\$2,160 for 9 weeks; \$175-\$240/wk)

Give leadership to: Counselor-In-Training, Leaders-In-Training, and Pathfinders programs for older teens. These programs focus on developing future leaders through teaching group work skills, leadership traits, team building, technical skill development, and development of a strong work ethic. Experience with group initiatives and training helpful. Must have experience working with teens and camping experience. Must be at least 20 years old. Lifeguard certification preferred.

Counseling Positions



Senior Counselor (\$1,530-\$1,800 for 9 weeks; \$170-\$200/wk)

Responsible for supervision of a cabin group of up to 8 children. Planning and implementation of cabin activities, cabin devotions, and supervision of safety and personal hygiene of campers. Also required to provide instruction in one of 4 adventure areas including: waterfront, outdoor living skills, creative arts, and sports and fitness. Must be child-oriented, enthusiastic and creative. Previous camping experience is helpful. Must be at least 19 years old.

Specialists needed for *photography, swim lessons, tennis, sailing, fishing, and a naturalist*.

Counselor (\$1,320 for 8 weeks; \$165/wk)

Responsible for assisting a Senior Counselor in the supervision of a cabin group of up to 8 children with assistance from a senior counselor. Planning and implementation of cabin activities, cabin devotions, and supervision of safety and personal hygiene of campers. Also required to provide instruction in one of 4 adventure areas including: waterfront, outdoor living skills, creative arts, and sports and fitness. Must be child-oriented, enthusiastic and creative. Previous camping experience is helpful. Must be 18.

Horseback Riding Instructors (\$1,750-\$2,00 for 10 weeks; \$175-\$200/wk)

Must be knowledgeable regarding western riding instruction, horse care, and stable management. Must be child-oriented, enthusiastic and creative with excellent teaching skills. Previous camping experience is helpful. CHA certification is preferred. Instructors in this area will have the option of working with 7-12 year olds at the White Barn or 12-15 year olds in the Ranch program. Some positions continue until August 20.

Sports Coordinator (\$1,665-\$1,800 for 9 weeks; \$185-\$200/wk)

Organize and facilitate sports specialty programs. Will also work within the sports and fitness adventure area and serve as a cabin counselor for either sports camp or traditional camp. Must be at least 21 years old, have a valid drivers license, good driving record, and experience in sports instruction/recreation leadership.

Seasonal Conference Assistant (\$1,530-\$1,800 for 9 weeks; \$170-\$200/wk)

Assist the Conference Director to provide services and programs to groups contracted with our facility during summer camp. Must be service oriented, enthusiastic, creative, and flexible. Will also assist a Senior Counselor supervising a cabin group of up to 8 children and provide instruction in one of 4 adventure areas including: waterfront, outdoor living skills, creative arts, and sports and fitness. Lifeguard certification required or strong swimming skills and ability to complete lifeguard training course offered June 4-9. Previous recreation and/or camping experience is preferred.

The Life of a Camp Staff Member



While the camp community is enjoyable to work in, it's not all fun and games! Sometimes the floors need to be mopped, boats scrubbed, and bathrooms cleaned. Many staff will be asked to take a turn helping with food service for a week. Camp work is a lifestyle choice for the summer.

One of our former staff once said, "Camp isn't an 8 or 9 week job, it's 8 or 9 different one week jobs in a row!" How right he is! Assignments can change at the last minute, and all of the sudden you have to move all your stuff to another cabin. That can be frustrating! Your ability and willingness to accept change and be flexible will make or break your summer camp experience. But... when you see the joy in a young camper's eyes when he or she looks at you as their hero for the week.... It's all worth it!

The application process

Nothing can happen until you COMPLETELY fill out and return your application. Then, and only then, can an interview be scheduled.

No position can be offered or agreement issued until your references are checked, so giving accurate information on your application is very important. References may include professors, ministers, guidance counselors, etc.

ALL YMCA EMPLOYEES submit to a complete criminal background check including fingerprinting. This complies with all required state regulations concerning the safety of children.

Whenever possible, we encourage all applicants to interview on site. This allows potential staff to see Willson facilities and to better visualize staff responsibilities.



Schedules, times, and such things!

Generally, other than our Frontier program, our sessions are one week in length, beginning on Sunday afternoon and running through Saturday morning. All staff will have one 24 hour period off per week and one additional evening off. Most staff will be off from Saturday noon through Sunday noon.

You may be asked to work the stay-over weekend. In that case another 24 hour period will be assigned as your day off.

Pay day is every other week and Direct Deposit is available and encouraged.

Internships and Practicum

Summer Camp is a great way to work and earn college credit. We will work with you and your advisor to help design your internship experience.

If you wish to pursue an internship or college credit program please let us know during the interview process.



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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

HOW DOES THE CAMP PROGRAM ACTUALLY WORK?

Traditional Camp

The Traditional Camp program is our primary program for 7-12 year old campers. Up to 8 children will stay in one cabin with one to two counselors. Working within a block schedule, campers will attend 2 of 4 adventure areas each day.

The Willson difference is the Adventure Area format. In the morning and afternoon, campers move within a block schedule from areas including: Waterfront, Sports and Fitness, Creative Arts, and Outdoor Living Skills. Staff are assigned to these different areas as leaders and instructors.

At each area, campers will be able to choose among three or more different activities—that is more than 6 program choices per day! This gives campers the structure they need and the freedom to choose what they desire—a good combination!



The Horseback Riding Programs

The Willson Equestrian program is divided into two main segments: the Rostofer Ranch and the White Barn.

The Ranch is a separate, but integral part of the camp program. Ranch campers (12-15 year olds) live, play, work, and eat at the Ranch, occasionally joining the main camp to swim, boat, or enjoy the campfire.

The White Barn is the horseback riding center for the traditional camp program. Trail Rides, 1 hour lessons, and Jr. Wranglers are at the White Barn. The Jr. Wrangler program is a daily, intensive 2 hour horseback riding program for 9-12 year olds. See Summer Camp brochure for additional information.

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YMCA RAGS AND LEATHERS

This is a special program available to campers and staff on a voluntary basis. The Rag and Leather are outward symbols of the acceptance of an inward spiritual goal. Rags and leathers are accepted at special ceremonies.

For a full brochure, go to
www.ymcawillson.org

YMCA Camp Willson is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association. Developed exclusively for the camping industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on important health and safety issues. YMCA Camp Willson has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal and has earned this mark of distinction.

