

Lead, Learn, Educate: Summer Camp Counselor Internship Program at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

The Summer Camp Counselor Internship Program is a hands-on program for individuals interested in an opportunity to take on a leadership role at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village and directly affect the experiences of children and families that visit the Village.

Summer Camp Counselor interns are a diverse group of volunteers from the Salem area who assist Village teachers in educating and supervising Village campers as they learn and grow through play.

Interns also gain valuable experience by leading demonstrations and activities, supervising campers during break and lunch hours, and assisting with day-to-day Village operations. Summer Camp Counselor interns are interested in growing their own skills while helping others learn.

Valuable Experience • Hands-on Learning



A. C. Gilbert's

discovery village

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A great leadership experience in a fun environment

The Summer Camp Counselor Program provides many rewards such as a first-time work experience in a supportive and welcoming environment, the opportunity to gain important job skills, and opportunities to make a meaningful contribution to our community.

Some Summer Camp Counselors bring a passion for the sciences and arts into our program while others have great people skills. The Summer Camp Counselor Program cultivates skills and allows students to build their skill set.

Summer Camp Counselors who fulfill their obligations at the Village and move on to college or paid employment elsewhere are provided with letters of support that help facilitate entry into their next adventure in life.

The Summer Camp Internship Program is an unpaid leadership experience, though opportunities for paid internships may arise as the program matures. However, Summer Camp Counselors should not enter into the program with the expectation of eventually obtaining a paid position.

How to Apply

By mail or fax:

Complete the attached application and mail to:

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
116 Marion St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Or fax completed application to:

503-316-3485

Learn More

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@acgilbert.org or (503) 371-3631.

Who is a Summer Camp Intern?

- An individual who is interested in developing their leadership skills and enjoys working with and around children as they learn and grow through play.
- Willing to develop and enhance their knowledge of the exhibits and educational offerings of A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village and how they apply to the learning process of children and families.
- Interested in learning and sharing how things work via experiments, demonstrations, and others unique experiences.
- Embraces and celebrates diversity, and encourages others to learn and discover more about the world and other cultures around them.
- Enthusiastic about developing their own professional and academic skills.
- At least 17 years old.
- Willing to commit to serve for one summer camp session June-August (approximately 40 hours a week for 7 weeks).

Online

Complete an online application at:
acgdvsummerinterns.wordpress.com

Scan and E-mail

Scan the application and e-mail to
volunteers@acgilbert.org

Discovery Village Internship Application

(please complete both sides)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of birth: _____

I am a student School: _____ Grade: _____

Major: _____

I am employed Name of employer: _____

I am currently a volunteer at Discovery Village.

Please list other organizations and how long you have volunteered there:

Please list any other languages you speak besides English: _____

Please be aware that the required hours for this Internship are M-F 8:00-5:00. List your availability including days and times unavailable over the summer:

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Do you have any special skills or interests (i.e., photography, graphic design, knitting, etc.)?

What is your favorite exhibit or thing to do at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village? Why?

Do you think playing is important to the process of learning? Please tell us why or why not.

Please describe a craft or activity that you would like to lead at the museum. Be as specific as possible and feel free to use any exhibits and/or craft supplies that you know we have at the museum.

Why should we choose you to participate in Summer Camp Counselor Internship Program?

I understand that this is an unpaid internship. (Initials_____)

If you are over the age of 18 a fingerprint background check will be required before entering the program.

All Information is confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village Staff, except as necessary to complete a background check.