



Columbus Academy

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Adventure Camp Instructor/Counselor (summer)

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About Columbus Academy

Recognized as a premier independent school in the nation, Columbus Academy has, since its founding in 1911, exemplified the country day school educational model. The heart of this model is the idea that the best interests of children are served when home and school work together.

At Columbus Academy, parents are integral members of our community. In our welcoming school, fully dedicated to the development of young scholars, athletes and artists of every kind, parents find what they are looking for: The school to trust with childhood.

We believe that [diversity, inclusion, equity and justice](#) are essential measures of our excellence. Our goal is not to mold young minds but to light them on fire.

[Visit us](#) and you will see this in [the way we teach](#) and the way [our 231-acre campus](#) is designed — the light, the energy and the interconnectedness of our mindfully designed learning spaces that allow for children to gaze out to the open sky.



Our Mission

Columbus Academy – an independent, coeducational college preparatory school – enriches its academic tradition of excellence by valuing a broad diversity of students as it seeks to develop the complete person: mind, body and character. The school rewards rigorous effort and accomplishment, fosters compassion, respect and moral courage, and insists on integrity, fair play and community service. Academy strives to develop and sustain a community of thoughtful, responsible, capable and confident citizens eager to engage in a pluralistic and ever-changing world.

At a Glance

Founded: 1911

Enrollment: 1,165 students

Ages: 3YO-Grade 12

Students of Color: 48%

Total Tuition Assistance: \$4.6M

Quality of Life in Columbus

Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States with a population of 879,170. The city is perfect for active lifestyles, having invested \$20 million to develop a growing system of bike and fitness trails that connect the suburbs and river trails to downtown's \$44 million riverfront park system restoration. Columbus is gaining nationwide recognition for its historic neighborhoods, booming downtown arts and sporting districts, open attitude and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Check out our [Guide to Columbus!](#)



Program Description

Love being outside? Love working with kids? Love turning ordinary days into epic adventures? Then Adventure Camp might be the place for you!

Adventure Camp is a **nature-based outdoor day camp** for campers in PreK through 5th grade. From bug hunts and forest games to creative projects and team challenges, every day is packed with fresh air, fun and discovery.

Camp Hours:

Our camp day runs from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Adventure Camp Instructors and Counselors are the heart of camp life. Instructors will lead a multi-age group of campers through daily adventures, helping create a place where kids feel safe, included and excited to explore the world around them.

This role supports the mission of Adventure Day Camp by building a **joyful, adventurous camp community** rooted in Safety, Respect, Honesty and Belonging.

What You'll Do at Camp

- Support the planning and implementation of daily camp activities and schedules.
- Lead games, hikes, nature exploration, crafts and group challenges.
- Foster camper confidence, friendships and a love of the outdoors.
- Maintain a safe, positive and engaging environment throughout the day.
- Set up and clean up activity areas and shared camp spaces.
- Manage smooth transitions between activities, including snack, lunch and rest times.
- Serve as a positive role model by demonstrating kindness, patience and enthusiasm.
- Model and reinforce camp values through words and actions.

Creating the Camp Experience

- Create a welcoming and inclusive environment where all campers feel a sense of belonging.
- Build positive relationships with campers and their families.
- Encourage teamwork, independence and respectful behavior.
- Support positive behavior using consistent and fair guidance strategies.
- Contribute to a camp experience that campers are excited to return to each day.

Who We're Looking For

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have prior experience working with children in a camp, school or childcare setting (preferred).
- Demonstrate energy, creativity and comfort leading groups of children outdoors.
- Work effectively as part of a team and communicate clearly with others.
- Remain calm, flexible and adaptable to changing situations.
- Meet the physical demands of camp life, including standing, walking and active outdoor play.

Schedule & Commitment

- Positions are seasonal for the summer, with preference given to candidates who can commit to multiple weeks.
- Participation in staff training prior to the start of camp is required – Adventure Day Camp boot camp and Safe School training.
- Consistent attendance and punctuality are essential to camper safety and program success.

Physical Conditions

Candidates must be able to manage the following conditions:

- Ability to move safely over varied outdoor terrain, observe campers and respond quickly in emergencies.
- Safely lift and carry up to 40 pounds.
- A non-smoking campus

Columbus Academy believes strongly in the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. We strive to foster a diverse campus community, which recognizes the value of all persons regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic background.

Legal requirements: All Columbus Academy employees must pass required criminal records checks. Where appropriate, individuals will also be required to provide proof of academic credentials.