

CAMP COUNSELOR: THE BEST ON THE JOB TRAINING

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Introductions and Background

- ❖ What is the American Camp Association?
 - ❖ Membership
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 - ❖ Camper Placement
 - ❖ Professional Development
 - ❖ Networking and Resources
 - ❖ **CAMP JOBS!**

POP QUIZ!

What skills are 21st century employers looking for when hiring?

- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Critical thinking
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Problem-solving skills
- ❖ Strong work ethic
- ❖ Innovation
- ❖ Flexibility
- ❖ Leadership skills
- ❖ Ability to work on a team
- ❖ Communication

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Which of the following statements about teens and stress is true?

- ❖ 31 percent of teens report feeling overwhelmed as a result of stress
- ❖ 30 percent say that they feel sad or depressed as a result of stress
- ❖ 36 percent report feeling tired or fatigued because of stress
- ❖ All of the above

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What are some ways to reduce stress?

- ❖ Physical activity
- ❖ Get enough sleep
- ❖ Discover hobbies
- ❖ Explore talents
- ❖ Talk it out
- ❖ Find a balance

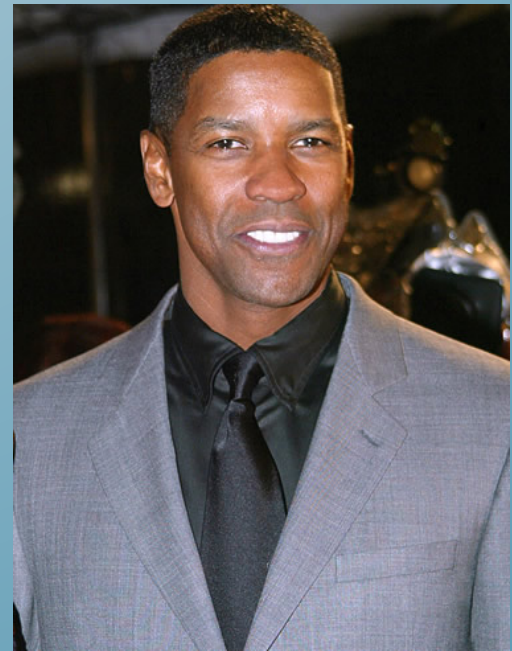
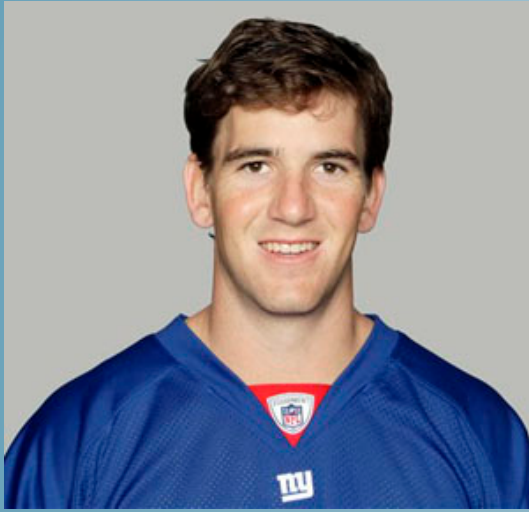


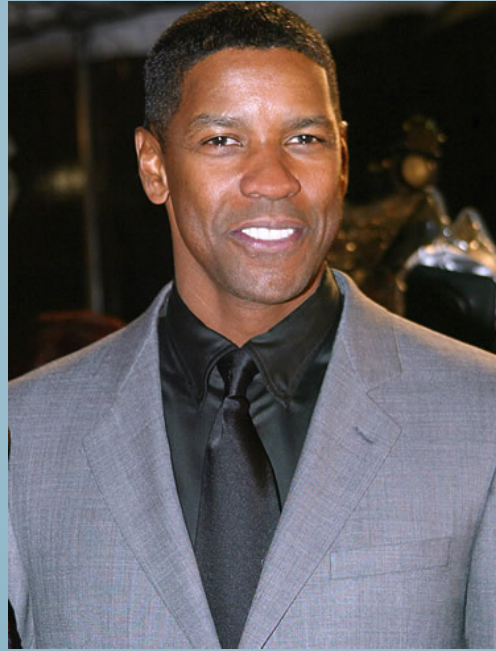
Summer camps provide a caring, safe space that contributes to camper and staff well-being.

“The camp leadership’s job is youth development. Camp directors invest in their staff in the same way they do for their campers. They want to see young people find their voice, develop leadership skills and leave camp thinking there is nothing they can’t try in life.” -Beverly McEntarfer, Camp Homeward Bound



Which celebrity worked at summer camp?





Denzel Washington: Camp Counselor at YMCA Camp Sloane, 1977

Which experience provides more opportunities for leadership and responsibility: **INTERNSHIP** or **CAMP**?



CAMP!



At camp, staff must:

- ❖ Supervise, manage, and support a group of children for an entire day and weeks at a time
- ❖ Be held accountable for their words and actions
- ❖ Receive feedback and constructive criticism
- ❖ Manage their time throughout the day
- ❖ Lead group activities
- ❖ Communicate with peers and supervisors
- ❖ Keep children safe
- ❖ Navigate emotional and behavior issues
- ❖ Organize schedules and details
- ❖ Resolve conflict
- ❖ Adapt and be flexible when plans change

Approximately how many hours per day are teens in the U.S. using media for enjoyment?

❖ 12 hours

❖ 5 hours

❖ 9 hours

❖ 7 hours

❖ 9 hours

*According to a study by Common Sense Media

Camp allows kids and staff to unplug, connect with the outdoors, and communicate face to face with others.



How Can ACA, NY & NJ Help?

- ❖ Provide platform for job seekers
 - ❖ Submit resume and information
 - ❖ Browse camp job openings
- ❖ Connect potential staff with camp directors
 - ❖ Accredited camps access resumes and contact information for people seeking jobs at camp

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no other.

If you are an energetic person who loves the outdoors, being active, and working with children, you should consider working at camp! The American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey seeks qualified staff for over 350 accredited summer camps throughout the Northeast.

“My daily interaction with children of all ages this summer allowed me to self-reflect on my place in the world. Even though it was difficult at times, I felt that my campers taught me what it means to be a role model and to admire someone for their best qualities. They challenged me to be my best self and for that I am truly grateful. ”

-Day Camp Counselor Rockland, NY

Q & A

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