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To whom it may concern,

YWCA-YMCA Camp Brevik is running several camps during two months every summer. We have been organizing summer camps since 1956. Every summer we have approximately 350 campers, aged 9-17, participating in different camps. All camps have a profile of adventure and outdoor life. Each of our camp sessions lasts for four weeks and is led by a management team, consisting of three experienced youth leaders. One of our camp sessions has an international profile with campers and counsellors coming from different countries, mainly USA and Sweden. This summer, the international period is from July 18th to August 12th.

Our camp counsellors have different responsibilities depending on which staff group they are working in. There is one staff group planning all activities and hosting a lot of them, a harbor crew responsible for all activities in the harbor etcetera. Furthermore, we have cabin leaders that is responsible for a group of up to eight campers. The cabin leaders follow their cabin in all activities and also function as an extra parent during the camp. That includes dealing with homesickness and conflicts, motivate campers, share laughter, help the campers to develop both on a personal level but also as a group. Our counsellors also host activities. All staff groups work in teams of at least two people and get support from each other and the management team.

Almost all of our activities are held outdoors. The camp site is located by the coast of Slätbaken and the archipelago is just around the corner. We have high rope activities, zip lines and lots of spaces for outdoor activities. It is in our ambition to make the campers show respect and feel responsible for the nature and environment. One way to reach that goal is that all our campers go for a canoe trip/haik in the archipelago of St Anna. The world alliance of YMCAs has the environment as one of their strategic pillars and therefore we aim to work towards a sustainable environment in many different ways.

The camp counsellors are at Camp Brevik as volunteers, food and accommodation is offered for free and the counsellors receive some pocket money of 600 SEK per week. All counsellors work all days and have one day off per week. The camp counselor works on voluntary basis, and therefore a tourist visa (and not a working visa) is required.

Furthermore, we arrange a leader training in May. During the leader training the leaders discuss core values and how to be good role models. There are also sessions about communication, first aid and CPR, routines and rules etcetera.

The recruitment process is on-going, typically from February, and we fill the positions as we get the applications.

Kind regards,

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