

Summit Leadership Aide Program

For 10th grade

The Summit Leadership Aide position is the pinnacle of the Summit Leadership Program. It is for exceptional Upper Seniors with strong leadership skills and interest in community building. Accepted Aides will take on extra responsibilities and enjoy unique privileges that are not available to other campers. The experience of an Aide will enhance their leadership skills and will allow them to enjoy High Rocks in new ways.

The Summit Leadership Program is not just about enhancing your leadership skills; it's a transformative journey of personal growth and learning. You'll experience a regular camp schedule, with one of your five activity blocks dedicated to Summit Sessions. These Sessions, such as Low Ropes Initiatives, a Cooking Class, Tire Changing, Leadership Assessment, and Goal Setting, are designed to enhance your leadership and life skills. You'll also have the chance to take your past apprenticing experience to the next level with Shadow Day, where you'll experience a day in the life of a High Rocks counselor. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to Adopt a Cabin, a fan-favorite that offers a chance to spend quality time with younger campers and support them. New this summer, Summit Aides will embark on an exclusive overnight backpacking trip, exploring one of our favorite local treks while engaging in leadership lessons and team-building activities. It's a journey that will inspire and motivate you, not just in camp, but in all aspects of your life.

In addition to the exciting opportunities already mentioned, you will have the chance to actively work in the camp environment by helping in the kitchen and mopping the Dining Hall. The Aides will be compensated financially and with 'time off.' You will get an hour off after Mop Nights to hang out in the Camp House and use personal electronic devices or the Camp House TV to watch a movie. You will also have a chance to experience a 'Day Off' or an off-camp excursion with your counselor or designated staff. These 'Days Off' run from 1 pm to 9 pm, and you are allowed to use your phone at this time. During the Three-Week, the Aides will receive one 'Day Off.' During the Four-Week, the Aides will receive two 'Days Off.'

After 11th grade you may apply for a paid CT position on staff. Previous experience as an Aide is not essential to apply for a CT position, and acceptance is not guaranteed in either case.

If you are interested in participating in this program next summer, it's important that you send in **an application and a letter telling us of your interests and reasons for wanting to return to camp. These letters must be received before September 15th.** You may email these letters to don@highrocks.com. This process shows your commitment and responsibility, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Your letter should answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to return to High Rocks as an Aide in the Summit Leadership Program?
- What have you learned from your previous camp experience?
- In what ways do you plan to contribute to the High Rocks community next summer?