

THE MISSION OF CAMP SUSAN CURTIS

is to provide a transformative camp experience that nurtures self-confidence and a sense of belonging in Maine children facing economic hardship.

CSC is ready for YOU and another year of fun and friendship!

The Apprentice Program is designed for our High School campers who are considering becoming a Staff Member at CSC *or* pursuing leadership opportunities at school like team captains or club chairs. Skills in communication, teamwork, and collaboration are transferable to many things your child may want to do in the future and camp is a wonderful, safe, and supportive program to practice these skills and interactions.

Apprentice 1 (entering 10th grade)

Designed to be 75% traditional camp fun and 25% introduction of roles and responsibilities with children and the camp program, participants take part in workshops, collaborative teambuilding activities, and traditional camp favorites like Special Interest Weekend and Evening Activities. They will visit a college campus or workplace.

All campers are welcome to join this program even if they think they will not be pursuing a role as a future camp staff member.

Apprentice 2 (entering 11th grade)

Designed to be 80% introduction to being an impactful leader and 20% traditional camp fun, participants take part in workshops, observe and then assist camp staff with their roles and responsibilities, and connect more with younger campers. This program enjoys traditional camp activities from a new perspective-as a leader! They will visit a college campus or a workplace.

We suggest that campers only join this program if they are committed to a future role as camp staff or believe that the leadership skills will help propel them forward at school and in their community. This program is less about being a camper and more about being a role model that other campers look up to for support and guidance.

Campers who successfully complete App 2 may be asked to return in the same summer as a Staff Apprentice.

Staff Apprentice (after completing App 2)

The final year of leadership is a full summer program (with a breaks at the end of each session). Campers are fully immersed in a cabin and assist in the leadership of program activities, fully supported by staff and meeting regularly to reflect on their observations, experiences, and skill development.

Campers who are a successful Staff Apprentice may be asked to return in the same summer as a Junior Staff where they will earn a small program stipend.

All Apprentice Campers are eligible for the CSC Driver's Education Scholarship in collaboration with MEMIC. Interested? Email Andrew@susancurtis.org or call at 774-1552.