

# International Summer Camp Montana Switzerland

## Information for Staff Applicants of the Program Section

For a general description of International Summer Camp Montana, its objectives, programs and facilities etc. please see the brochure, visit our website [www.campmontana.ch](http://www.campmontana.ch) or our blog [www.campmontana.ch/blog/](http://www.campmontana.ch/blog/).

## Arrival of Staff Members of the Program section :

Monday 25 June 2012

## Staff Orientation and Training Period:

Tuesday 26 June to Saturday 30 June 2012

## Camp Sessions

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| First  | Sunday 01 July   | to | Saturday 21 July      | 2012 |
| Second | Sunday 22 July   | to | Saturday 11 August    | 2012 |
| Third  | Sunday 12 August | to | Saturday 01 September | 2012 |

**First-time applicants are only considered and accepted if they are available the entire summer.**

## Positions Open

Group counselors : For boys and girls in all 4 age sections. Each group has between 8 and 10 campers. Counselors assume, in many ways, the role of the parents for children away from home. They not only participate in the daily program but also, must be concerned about the education, general welfare and individual problems of the camper. A number of sports and other activities are also counselor-directed. When a specialist is in charge of a group, the counselor often has to assist.

## Specialists :

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| Aerobics/jazz/gym Instructor                       | Rock climbing Instructor    |
| Archery Instructor                                 | Pony Riding Instructor      |
| Arts and Crafts Teacher                            | Riding Instructor           |
| Audio/Visual Specialist                            | Assistant Riding Instructor |
| Basketball Instructor                              | Nightguard                  |
| Badminton  | Nurse                       |
| Circus Instructor                                  | Receptionist/Secretary      |
| Fencing Instructor                                 | Swimming Instructor         |
| Film/Photography Instructor                        | Sailing Instructor          |
| Golf Instructor                                    | Sports Instructor           |
| Karate Instructor                                  | Swimming Instructor         |
| Mountain Bike Instructor                           | Tennis Instructor           |
| Mountain Guide<br>(responsible for Alpine Outpost) | Trampoline Instructor       |
| Music Teacher                                      |                             |

Language Teachers : For English, French and Spanish as foreign languages.

Drivers: For minibuses and cars

## General Requirements

To work with children is a difficult task requiring a lot of patience, psychological skill and sheer energy. Other essential requirements are: fondness of children, friendliness, sense of responsibility, initiative, talent in organising and teaching, punctuality and enthusiasm. Previous experience at day and/or overnight camps, schools, youth organisations etc. is also required. As cigarettes and alcohol are forbidden for the campers of International Summer Camp Montana, no staff member is allowed to smoke or drink whilst with campers.

## **Language Knowledge**

Good knowledge of English - the main language at camp - is essential. Other language knowledge e.g. French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish etc. is a distinct advantage.

## **Minimum Age**

The minimum age for counselors is 19. For all other openings the minimum age is 20.

## **Remuneration**

Individual offers of employment are sent to each successful applicant. There is a salary scale which takes into consideration age, professional qualifications and experience. This offer includes full room and board at the Camp for the entire session, usually in twin-bedded rooms. Camp provides accident insurance for all staff members. Each staff member receives a Camp T-shirt, sweatshirt, SIGG drinking bottle and rucksack. **Travel expenses are not refunded.**

## **Work Permit**

The necessary work permits will be provided by the employer for foreign staff members at International Summer Camp Montana.

## **Working Hours**

Working hours at ISCM are not those of a regular '9 to 5' job. The Camp is a community, a large family, where we are responsible for the children 24 hours a day. Although lessons may only be for 7 hours a day, our commitment to education, leadership and development is very similar to that of parents. The concern for 'our' children never stops. Enthusiasm for this aspect of our international community is vital to its healthy and happy atmosphere.

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| Counselors                        | From 07:00 until bedtime (between 20:30 and 22:30) according to camper age group. During the day the counselor has some free time (program permitting).                     |
| Specialists and Language Teachers | From 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 18:00 plus preparation time. Specialists and language teachers will be asked to help with evening programs two or three times a week. |

## **Days off**

Two days off per session, i.e. six days off for the season. Whilst counselors and specialists must arrange their days off with their Head Counselor, the language teachers are to take their days off during the second and third Sunday of each session unless other arrangements are needed because of the Camp program.

## **Applicants from overseas**

Overseas applicants must bear in mind that the cost of traveling to camp is not refunded and it may not be worthwhile coming to Europe for the sole purpose of working at Camp.

**Competent** staff members will always be able to gain from a rewarding experience and look back on happy times. The many international contacts, shared experiences and the unique surroundings of the Swiss Alps will provide pleasant and lasting memories.

**People with no experience and/or training in the educational field should not apply.**