

# **Youth Recreation Inclusion Specialist - Part time**

Gale Woods Farm- Mound, MN

Salary: \$17/hr

# **Department Overview**

Reach for Resources is a nonprofit agency based out of Minnetonka, Minnesota. We provide recreation, education, case management, advocacy, counseling, and health programs to individuals with disabilities living in the Minneapolis western metro area. Our recreation department contracts with 20 western suburban city park and recreation departments to provide adaptive recreation, inclusion and training services to their community members.

#### What is inclusion?

- Having the same choices and opportunities as others
- Being accepted for who you are
- Providing the necessary adaptations and modifications as needed for all to have a successful experience

## **Summary of Job Duties**

The main role of this position is providing 1:1 or 1:2 supports for children with disabilities in accessing local parks and recreation programs in order to allow for maximum potential for successful inclusion in the community. Examples of programs include exploring livestock at the farm, gardening, crafts, baking/cooking, and more. Staff will assist children with projects, social interactions, and sensory needs in order to create a successful experience for all. Some adult adaptive program opportunities may be available to supplement your hours. Recreation programs are held in any of our partner cities but the focus of this specific position will be at the Three Rivers Park District Gale Woods Farm. There is the opportunity to pick up more hours in other areas.

### **Essential Job Duties**

- Work with the city parks and recreation staff by acting as an assistant coach, program leader, or instructor
- Assist and interact with other kids in the program as well as the child that is receiving the 1:1 assistance
- Provide extra assistance for the child with a disability, teaching strategies to coaching staff, communicating with
  parents and other children, and seeking out information from the parks and recreation staff to ensure maximum
  involvement
- Complete inclusion paperwork

# **Minimum Qualifications**

- A genuine liking for working with kids with disabilities
- Must be energetic and willing to make a difference in a child's life
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Possess a valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Ability to lift up to 30 lbs.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- High School Diploma or GED
- 2 years post high school education
- Group leadership experience
- At least 1 year experience working with individuals with disabilities

### **Working Conditions and Physical Demands**

- Environment: In-field shifts, potential for infrequent office visits and remote duties
- Schedule: Part-time, Varies and flexible-daytime (9:00am-3:00pm) and afternoons (1:00-3:30pm), Other
  opportunities for evening hours
- Physical demands: May include moderate lifting (up to 30 lbs.), sitting and standing, walking, driving, verbal communication, seeing, and hearing.

#### **Additional Information**

Benefits for this position may include:

- Employee assistance program
- Employee discount
- Flexible schedule
- Paid time off
- Referral program

## To Apply

Please complete the online application on the Employment page of our website, <u>Employment - Reach For Resources</u> and send your cover letter and resume to Sally Krull, Director of Adaptive Recreation & Inclusion:

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