



**BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy**  
**Adolescent Coordinator Summer 2020**  
**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**THE PROGRAM**

BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy promotes whole-health wellness in the Jewish community by elevating the conversation around mental health and providing wilderness-based journeys of self-discovery, hope, and healing. BaMidbar hosts three core programs: 4-week therapeutic expeditions for Jewish young adults (18-28 year olds); 4-week adventure and wellness programming for adolescents (15-17 year olds), and an experiential educator course. All of our core programs use nature and adventure-based experiences as part of a therapeutic process that promotes emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness; use Jewish metaphor and storytelling to build personal as well as Jewish identity and values; support individuals in building strong and healthy relationships; and, increase open dialogue around mental health and addiction in the Jewish community.

**Position Type:** Full-time, seasonal

**Dates:** June 8, 2020 to August 1, 2020 (possibility to extend through September 15)

**Location:** Ramah in the Rockies Ranch

**Compensation:** \$4500 Summer Salary

**Schedule:** Training June 8th-June 21st. Programming: June 30th to July 28th

**POSITION PURPOSE:** The role of the Adolescent Coordinator is to oversee logistics of BaMidbar's adolescent program, in accordance with BaMidbar's guidelines and strengths-based program philosophy. The Coordinator will mentor field staff and support their personal and professional development, and promote a culture of safety in all aspects of programming.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Logistics:**

- Provide in-field support for groups, including management and delivery of water and supplies
- Transport students and staff to and from the field as needed
- Support primitive and technical skill training for field staff
- Substitute for field staff as needed
- Support processing and filing of student paperwork, therapy assignments, correspondence, outcome measures, and field pictures

**Risk Management:**

- Participate in on-call system to support group emergency needs
- Provide general risk management oversight and communicate risk management issues with field staff and program director

**Programming & Staff Support:**

- Complete weekly debriefs and check-in's with field staff
- Support field programming on Fridays and Saturdays, including:
  - Half day art, farm, or service project activities
  - Half day Shabbat food preparation and food education
  - Full day in field on Shabbat
- Support development and logistics of Shabbat and holiday programming
- Support implementation of Shabbat and holiday programming

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education / Experience**



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- Must be 25 years of age or older
- Bachelor's degree, preferably focused in outdoor education, psychology, sociology, child development, or education. Educational requirements may be substituted with relevant professional experience
- 3-4 years in wilderness therapy and/or outdoor education
- Current Wilderness First Responder certification required, (W)EMT certification preferred
- Experience working with young adults, preferably in a leadership, mentoring, or instructional capacity
- Significant backcountry trip leading experience, preferably in wilderness therapy

**Skills / Knowledge**

- Exemplary organizational skills
- Advanced skill level in all or most of the following: wilderness travel, land navigation, primitive living, backcountry camping
- Excellent mentoring and coaching skills
- Excellent group facilitation skills
- Open, inclusive, and team-oriented work style
- Understanding of Jewish culture, values and cycles, and if not fully understood, a willingness to learn and an appreciation for the cultural aspects of the program

**Other Considerations**

- The essential functions of this position require outdoor work in all weather conditions, including work in sub-zero temperatures
- Employee will be expected to hike on uneven terrain, while carrying a backpack or other equipment weighing up to 50 pounds
- A pre-employment background check will be required, including fingerprinting and FBI background check
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license with an insurable driving record

**LOCATION**

BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy is based at Ramah in the Rockies, a 360-acre ranch nestled in the pristine Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Ramah in the Rockies is 90 minutes from Denver, at an elevation of 8,000 feet. At BaMidbar, students spend four days per week on expeditions, exploring the public lands of Colorado. They will spend the remaining three days at our basecamp in the Rocky Mountains, visiting with therapists and celebrating Shabbat as a community.

**TO APPLY**

Please send a cover letter and resume to [gabiw@bamidbartherapy.org](mailto:gabiw@bamidbartherapy.org). The subject line of the email should read *Adolescent Coordinator Application*. Please be prepared to provide copies of all relevant certifications, licenses, and references upon request.