



PRIMARY THERAPIST POSITION DESCRIPTION (SEASONAL - SUMMER 2022)

ABOUT BAMIDBAR

BaMidbar envisions a Jewish community that actively supports its members in cultivating mental health and wellness. Using a three-pronged approach, we address mental health and wellness in the Jewish community by promoting teen and young adult resilience through prevention programs, supporting Jewish communal professionals through mental health education programs, and serving young adults struggling with mental health challenges through treatment programs. While BaMidbar runs mental health prevention, education, and treatment programs, all programs are built off of four core pillars:

- **Wilderness as Therapy:** Experiential models are used as a vehicle for growth. Students are challenged and given the opportunity to apply learning in a safe and supported environment.
- **Clinically Informed Framework:** Licensed mental health professionals design programming and trained guides facilitate experiences with an eye toward social, emotional, and spiritual growth.
- **Jewish Values and Metaphor:** Jewish tradition, metaphor, and storytelling are used to support students in exploring meaning, values, purpose, and identity.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Programs work to increase open dialogue and decrease stigma around mental health in the broader Jewish community.

POSITION PURPOSE

Are you a licensed mental health professional looking to use wilderness and adventure-based experiences as part of your therapeutic process? Working in BaMidbar's Wilderness Therapy program, Primary Therapists oversee clinical care for a field group of 7-9 students. The Primary Therapist is responsible for client intake, treatment planning, individual and group therapy, clinical notes, and discharge summaries. The Primary Therapist will work with a team of trained field guides to build a positive group milieu and therapeutic environment and support implementation of student treatment plans through experiential activities. The Primary Therapists will join the group on a five-day *masa* (backcountry excursion) each week.

Position Type: Seasonal, full-time

Location: Colorado

Reports To: Clinical Director

Compensation: \$8,000 for the season

Dates: June 7-August 11, 2022

- June 7th - June 29th: Training
- June 30th - August 8th: Programming
- August 9th - August 11th: Debrief & Wrap

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Care:

- Oversee client intake and clinical care, and ensure physical and emotional safety of clients
- Facilitate individual and group therapy sessions on a weekly basis in an outdoor setting
- Create individualized master treatment plans for clients, and train wilderness field guides in implementation of treatment plans
- Create a discharge summary of treatment including aftercare recommendations
- Complete all clinical notes and documentation in a timely and efficient manner



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Field Staff Collaboration:

- Support field staff in understanding clinical modalities and broader clinical framework of program
- Collaborate with field staff to maintain a healthy group dynamic and a physically and emotionally safe environment

YOU ARE:

- Passionate about BaMidbar's mission and vision
- A candid and intentional communicator with excellent interpersonal skills
- Someone who thrives in a position with a high level of autonomy and responsibility
- A hands on team player who brings enthusiasm, a sense of humor, openness, and a strong work ethic

NEED TO HAVE'S

- Master degree or higher in social work or professional counseling
- Licensed (or able to obtain license) in Colorado as a LSW, LCSW, LMFT, LPCC, or LPC
- Wilderness First Responder certification required
- Excellent mentoring and coaching skills
- Excellent group facilitation skills
- Open, inclusive, and team-oriented work style
- Ability to demonstrate understanding of sound ethical practice in conjunction with the established and defined ethics of one's training and discipline

NICE TO HAVE'S

- Experience working with young adults, preferably in a leadership, mentoring, or instructional capacity
- Backcountry experience, preferably in wilderness therapy
- 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. Employee will be expected to hike on uneven terrain, while carrying a backpack or other equipment weighing up to 60 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
- All staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- In efforts to keep our community healthy, staff will be expected to adhere to all COVID policies and procedures as laid out by Ramah in the Rockies and BaMidbar Wilderness Therapy. These expectations may change over time and may limit staff's ability to socialize with people from outside the "BaMidbar bubble" or leave property, even during designated time off



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BaMidbar is an organization committed to building mental health and wellness in Jewish communities and beyond, no matter their race, ethnicity, socio economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation.

We strongly encourage people with diverse backgrounds and identities to apply. Frequently cited statistics show that women and underrepresented groups apply to jobs only if they meet 100% of the qualifications. We encourage you to break that statistic. BaMidbar is an equal opportunity employer.

TO APPLY

Please use [this form](#) to submit a cover letter, resume, and three references.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This position will be open until it is filled. We recommend submitting applications by January 3, 2022, and preference may be given to early applicants. Due to an expected high volume of applications, we will not be accepting phone calls about this role, and will only be in touch with candidates who move to the first round of interviews. We honor and respect the time that all candidates are putting into the hiring process!

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. Our facilities are primitive. In the backcountry, the group will camp in primitive settings. At basecamp, housing consists of primitive canvas wall tents.