



CAMP TIDNISH – A Special Time with Special Friends

What Makes us Unique: Camp Tidnish has been providing Nova Scotians who have disabilities with a safe and fun camping experience since 1958. Camp Tidnish is a unique residential camp designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. Each summer, over 270 campers stay at our fully accessible camp to enjoy a safe, challenging, and fun holiday. **Although located just inside the New Brunswick border, Camp Tidnish is a Nova Scotia owned and operated camp primarily serving Nova Scotia campers.**

Camp Tidnish facilities include a main building that houses the kitchen, dining area, staff residence and a well equipped Nurse's Station; four cabins that campers and counselors share; a fully enclosed solar heated swimming pool; two large playing fields; a newly expanded playground area and an ocean waterfront area that includes an accessible floating dock and pontoon boat. Physical accessibility has been facilitated for the campers' activities by the addition of wheelchair accessible ramps to all buildings, paved walkways and accessible cabin features.

What Goes On: When it comes to activities, the selection is virtually endless. Every day entails something different and unique to the campers, such as: Swimming, canoeing, a ride on the pontoon boat, Theme Days, talent shows, campfires, Miss Tidnish Pageant, therapeutic horseback riding, Mayor of Camp Tidnish Election, dances, Pizza Night just to name a few. Everyone is seen for all their wonderful qualities, talents and skills, not their wheelchairs, walkers, or disabilities. Anything is possible, even if it takes a little bit longer or is accomplished in a slightly different manner.

Staff will go out of their way to plan activities, assisting campers when necessary and encouraging independence. They are always available to share a concern, a smile, or a laugh. Most importantly is that no matter what the situation, our philosophy is Campers Come First. At Camp Tidnish you can be certain that campers always have been, and always will be, our #1 priority.

What do past and present staff have to say about working at Camp Tidnish?

- I have been thinking a lot lately about camp and my experience there this past summer. It was an amazing one! It has definitely changed my life forever. Camp Tidnish is an amazing place and I have many more fond memories than bad ones. I realize looking back that it was all worth it. Getting up early. Worrying about others and all the aches and pains that seemed so bad back then seem like distant memories now. The moments that stick out are the happy ones. You pick an amazing staff who have the energy and passion, who care for others and see the big picture. I can honestly say that I have met the most amazing people at camp and that they will be friends for life.

- From the first session I worked there I knew I wanted to run my own cabin and be a Head Counsellor. This is a thought that occurred to me repeatedly throughout the summer and is now resurfacing in my mind very heavily. Even though I haven't made a decision yet I can't help but think about the campers I might not see again or the staff members and friends that I may not get to work with again, and to quote a camp saying this makes me think "No Deals!" I made some excellent friends and worked with some very special people this summer and I would like to have that magic back for a couple months. I know this will be another great summer at Camp Tidnish.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT CAMP TIDNISH 2011

COUNSELORS: Salary of \$59.72 per Day

These key staff people works directly with campers to facilitate their daily care needs and ensures smooth operation of the program. They should have strong leadership and initiative skills, be a team player and have a good sense of fun and humour. The ability to manage stress and multiple demands is necessary. Swimming skills, First Aid, CPR, previous experiences working with people who have disabilities are all assets. Room and board included. (See full job description)

Period of employment: June 4th to August 28th, 2011 ***Start date of June 4th, 2011, please apply ASAP.**

Please note: There is a particular need for Male Counselors, as we have all male cabins and many of the males require personal care.

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