

Wanted: A Fun Time & A Spunky Attitude ... by Crystal Tancredi, Secretary, Chapter Leadership Council

Have you ever wondered which arcane element our Hiring Committee is searching for, as they assemble our incredible roster of counsellors?

It's hard to say, as there are so many necessary qualities for a successful A-OK or KPAS/AOYC Camp counsellor; and, they must be present in very generous quantities: Empathy. Patience. Common sense. Compassion. Resourcefulness. Flexibility. And, the *je ne sais quoi* that allows them, despite already juggling all those other balls in the air, to have, "a fun time and a spunky attitude".

When gently swirled together, these qualities produce the intangible ability to *create fun*, seemingly out of thin air - no matter the day's circumstances, no matter the camper's preferences or abilities.

In short, each counsellor develops a genuine friendship with their camper - sharing, guiding, and allowing them to blossom - in their own time, in their own way.

We are grateful to all of our staff members for their selflessness, their spunk, and their determination to help each camper build unforgettable summer memories. ❤️

Jamie comes home every day just so excited to tell stories of the successes of the campers. She lights up when she talks about them and is so appreciative of being able to work with them and get to understand all areas ... of autism. ... she really does not think of it as a job. — Jamie's Mom

