

## **Program Assistant at Overnight Outdoor Adventure and Mythology Summer Day Camp**

**Title:** Program Assistant - Camp Chronicler

**Employment Status:** Exempt/Seasonal

**Location:** Cold Spring, NY

### **Company Summary:**

Plato Learning operates outdoor mythology-based camps for kids ages 7-15. They create a world where monsters, myth, and magic transport kids out of the mortal realm into one where they are empowered to develop new skills, take risks, solve problems, and ultimately become Heroes. With seventeen locations spanning from NYC to California, Plato Learning uses actors, live-action role-play, and physically and mentally engaging activities to bring myths to life.

Camp Mythik is Plato Learning's first overnight camp! Demigod Campers who are rising 5th-10th graders will enjoy a week of adventure, creation, and storytelling at our Cold Spring, NY site. We are looking for team members with a compassion and understanding for the behavioral needs of middle schoolers—they are navigating and their relationship with the world, history, politics, gender, sexuality, and building their opinions and values.

Are you ready to join the team and accept our call to adventure?

### **Job Summary:**

We are looking for an energetic leader and adventure role model to serve as summer Camp Chronicler at our overnight camp. Camp Chroniclers are the Program Assistants responsible for enhancing immersive activities and engaging all campers. Our Chronicler brings collaborative Mythology inspired stories to life *with* our campers and staff.

While similar to live-action role-playing, we put more emphasis on interactive world-building, prioritizing imagination and camper experience over production. This role supports a new week-long adventure arc each camp session, called Quest. This role enhances the narrative by centering Camper creations and input, in collaboration with our Quest Guide, the director of immersive experience at camp.

### **Job Responsibilities:**

#### ***Engage the Demigod Campers.***

- With guidance from the Quest Guide, lead and engage campers critical thinking and problem solving skills through engagement with our Quest storyline.
- Initiate campers to the world of camp and mythology, aiding new demigods who may not have prior knowledge of the storyline's mythological inspiration to find their own brand of hero at camp.
- Set an example of heroic behaviors for young Demigods and staff to model.

### ***Enhance the Camper Hero's Journey***

- Mentor and live alongside a group of 10 campers within their groups and reside in a shared cabin with campers and co-counselor
- Enthusiastically lead and participate in daily full camp activities, while providing additional story and lore context
- Assist in managing camper's behavior, group dynamics, and safety policies.
- Facilitate and enhance camper understanding, discussion, and engagement with the stories and characters encountered on Quest.
- Help Counselor staff better engage their Campers with the story.
- Collect, maintain, and organize the lore around camp artifacts and props.
- Balance the fulfillment of cabin supervisory duties and story responsibilities with co-counselor staff.

### ***Steel your Resolve.***

- We are looking for courageous individuals who can lean into the challenges presented by our energetic **mostly-outdoor** environment.
- As Staff are the first people our Demigods and Counselors look to in times of challenge and uncertainty, we are looking for courageous individuals excited by the discomfort in adventure, and who do not shy away from responsibility, in the heat of summer, or even when it is raining.
- A Camp Mythik Chronicler will spend most of their day on their feet and walk anywhere from 20,000-25,000 steps/day on the job, across varying terrain at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center.

### ***Rise to the Challenge.***

- Counselors prove their leadership through action and are prepared to handle challenging situations with grace and eagerness to help.
- Remain patient with challenging behavior, homesickness or chaos, and stay positive during bad weather.
- Provide an enriching experience to campers of all interests and differing needs
- Promote consensus as a team-player who is flexible and ready to lend a hand with an unexpected task

### ***The Hours.***

- Approx 6 hours of remote self-paced training
- 3 weeks in-person at your camp location (our program runs on a 6 day on, 1 day off schedule with rotational nights off weekly).
- Camp Day Schedule: 7:30am-9pm; Monday-Saturday morning, which includes personal breaks
- Housing is provided for the entirety of the program, all meals are provided from Monday breakfast - Saturday breakfast.
- Camp operates three weeks from June 19th-July 14th

### **What abilities are we looking for?**

- Experience working with groups of children ages 10-15
- Summer Camp Experience. Overnight Camp Experience and specialty programming are a plus.
- Organized, versatile leaders with unique vision, capable of enhancing stories with minimal tech.
- Strong initiative, conflict resolution, and communication abilities with a team-player attitude
- Ability to physically and vocally command childrens' attention an outdoor space with positive and engaging energy
- Ability to maintain stamina, excitement, and endurance over the course of the Camp Season
- Excitement about working in an energetic outdoor environment in the summer
- Full program availability June 19th-14th. Due to the nature of staffing sleepaway camp, we are unable to accommodate in-season conflicts.

*Plato Learning would like to put forth this statistic. While men apply to jobs when they meet an average of 60% of the requirements, women and other underrepresented people often only apply when they match all criteria. Even if you don't meet every checkbox in the job description, but you think you have what it takes, we encourage you to apply.*

### **Benefits and Compensation:**

- **Compensation.** \$700/week for in-season work. This includes:
  - During Staff Training days: 20-25 hours for your program (at \$15/hr)
  - Referral Bonus: \$50 bonus for any referred applicants who are hired for a seasonal position, paid at the end of the season
- **Opportunity for Advancement.** As Plato Learning grows, we look first within our talented seasonal staff to fill full-time opportunities within the company when they arise.
- **Community.** Containing hundreds of creative-minded heroes, the Plato Learning network carries authors, podcasters, performers, dungeon masters, and many others ready to chat and create.

### **Please keep in mind, our dates for the Camp Mythik season:**

- Camp runs June 19th-July 14th
- Training takes place the week before the start of camp (June 19th start)

### **Ready to Send an Application via Iris Message?:**

Please visit <https://www.mythikcamps.com/work-with-us/> to fill out an application. Only candidates selected for an interview will be notified of next steps.

### **Hesitation of Hermes:**

Questions before you apply? Email us at [hiring@plato-learning.com](mailto:hiring@plato-learning.com)