



Every summer thousands of children head to camps across Russia from the shores of Lake Baikal to the beaches of the Black Sea. Each camp has its own philosophy, but all provide children a place to relax while having fun in an outdoor setting. In many ways, these camps resemble those in the United States and Canada, as they are usually located in a rural setting. They are often located near a lake or river away from the nearest town, and typically have a large dining hall, crafts, sports buildings and dormitories. Children usually come for sessions lasting 14 to 21 days and participate in activities such as swimming, boating, canoeing, theatre, land sports, arts, crafts, dance, and performing arts.

# **SERVICE**

- World Class Reputation: The past 30 years CCUSA has placed 100% of accepted applicants.
- A one-on-one placement service: We make every effort to place you at a camp that fits your personality, interests and skills. You have the CCUSA reputation, support and seal of approval behind you!
- An easy application process: Informal one on one question and answer interview.
- All staff have experience working and travelling overseas: CCUSA are here to help you every step of the way; whether it be prior to leaving or once in Russia.
- Local office: CCUSA have an office in Budapest and local Area Representatives across Hungary to assist you in your preparation, as well as our office in Moscow once you arrive.
- Free Information Meetings: Online or in person.
- International Staff Handbook: Full of practical information, games and tips.

#### VISA

• Applying for your Russian Visa: CCUSA, in conjunction with our Moscow partner, will assist you with obtaining your visa.

# PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Four or eight week long program options: Starting mid-June (4 or 8 week program options available) or mid-July (4 week program option only) until mid-August.
- Work with a friend: CCUSA can arrange to place you both at the same camp, or ones in close proximity. If you are travelling alone, we always place at least two international staff members at each camp.

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- **Service and Support:** Prior to departure and while in Russia.
- Arrival Orientation in Moscow: This includes a personal meet-and-greet and transfer from Moscow airport or pick up at express train railway station in Moscow City; airport transfers to and from camp; 2 nights accommodation upon arrival and 2 nights accommodation after camp; welcome and farewell dinners; ballet or circus; sight-seeing tour (including the Red Square and Lenin's tomb); shopping and preparation for camp sessions.
- Accommodation and meals included at camp: 3 meals a day at no additional cost.
- Pocket Money: Earn the same pocket money at camp as your fellow Russian Counselors, approximately 15000 Rubles per month (200USD).
- Global Travel insurance: The program includes 4 or 8 weeks of accident, sickness, baggage and medical evacuation coverage at no additional cost. You can extend your insurance up to 12 months in total through your local CCUSA office.
- Travel Until September 1st: Explore the sights and sounds of Russia after camp.
- Emergency Assistance Hotline: Available 24 hours whilst you are in Russia.

# BEING A CAMP COUNSELOR

As a Camp Counselor, you will be with campers 24 hours a day. You are a leader, role model, friend, instructor, big brother or sister, cheerleader and hero to campers ages 7 - 17. Your primary responsibility is overall supervision and to ensure the campers well-being and safety. Camp Counselors are there to make the children's camp experience more fun and rewarding. You will assist in ensuring the campers eat meals, attend and participate in day and evening activities, clean cabins, and get to sleep at night.

# YOUR ROLE

Russian camps place the most emphasis on the children having fun and getting exercise—it is your primary role to facilitate this. Your exact position and duties at camp will depend largely upon the level of your Russian speaking ability. It is NOT essential that you speak Russian to participate on the program; however if you are able to speak some of the language, you will find that the daily opportunities for integrating into camp life are greater.

- Your duties as a Camp Counselor if you speak some Russian or are fluent: your role may include the planning and leading of day-to-day activities including sports, arts and water based activities.
- Your duties as a Camp Counselor if you have little Russian language abilities: your role will be more of an assisting role. You might help with specific sports or activities, depending on your own level of experience and expertise. You will not supervise or lead activities if you do not have the appropriate language expertise.

There are some camps which offer language programs to their campers; you may be asked to help with lessons and with encouraging the children to practice their English language conversational abilities.

Whatever your role may be at camp, the most important thing to remember is to encourage the campers to make the most of each day and to have fun!

#### ACCOMODATION

Each camp is different; however, most counselors will live in a cabin, platform tent or dormitory style accommodation with a co-counselor and 8 to 10 campers. Sometimes cabins have their own bathroom, but it is also common for several cabins to share a large centralized bath and shower facility.

Accommodation is separated by gender and usually by age, so that similar age groups are together.

# **F00D**

Be prepared for some of the most delicious food you'll ever taste, but don't expect it to taste like what you eat at home. The Russian camp diet is varied and plentiful; however, Russian camps have little experience of vegetarian or other special diets. If you follow this choice of eating be prepared for repetitive meals.

Staff and campers eat together, often in a dining hall or other allocated room. At meal times, food is generally served in one of two ways:

- 1. Family style with platters of meat, fish, vegetables and bread brought to the table
- 2. Canteen style where everyone helps themselves from a serving hatch/buffet line.

Camps always provide 3 meals a day for their staff and campers, and snacks are available between meals.









# APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Click here to apply.
- 2. Create your interactive personal account and select Camp Counselors Russia from the drop-down selection.
- 3. Download the application packet.
- 4. A CCUSA Representative will contact you to answer any of your questions.
- 5. Complete your application and pay the program fee (refunded if not accepted).
- 6. Attend your CCUSA one on one interview.
- 7. Complete your supporting application documents.

Once your application is fully completed, and you are accepted, our Moscow based Placement Team then work on finding your perfect camp match.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the program, please call us or book in a call – we are here to help you make your application the best it can be!

#### LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT ADVENTURE?

Gain valuable work experience while traveling the world on any of our amazing programs.

- **SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS:** Camp Counselors USA, Camp Counselors Canada and Camp California in Croatia
- WORK PROGRAMS: Work Experience USA and Work Adventures Canada Farming, IT or Construction
- VOLUNTEER / INTERN PROGRAMS: Love Volunteers, Volunteer Adventures Abroad and Intern Adventures Abroad
- WORK AND STUDY PROGRAMS: Work Adventures Canada Work & Study Canada





# WHAT YOU GET

- Valuable life-long skills: Independence, confidence and maturity that will broaden your horizons and your future career.
- Meet amazing people: Connect with people from different countries and make friends to last a lifetime.

#### BUDGET

**CCUSA Costs:** 

- Program feesThird Party Costs:
- Flights
- Visa processing
- Background check
- Health check
- Spending money

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