

Job Description

Junior Strings Intensive Head Counselor (June 5, 2019 – June 29, 2019)

Junior Strings Intensive (JSI) offers talented young violin, viola, and cello players ages 10-13 the opportunity to advance their technical and musical skills in a small group setting against the backdrop of the beautiful Berkshires of western Massachusetts and Tanglewood. Students will study their craft with an expert team of artist-teachers who are dedicated to the growth and development of musicians at this pivotal point in the arc of their music training.

Through a holistic curriculum of large ensemble, chamber music, and solo instruction, students rehearse, receive coachings, participate in master classes, and perform in outreach concerts and program recitals. Extra-curricular classes explore different genres of music, practice techniques, and body awareness, as well as outdoor activities and fun events. With world-class performances by faculty and at the Tanglewood Music Center, BUTI is an immersive experience where students are nurtured as whole artists and inspired by the joyful music making happening all around them.

Responsibilities

In line with the holistic approach of this program, this position leads a special team within the BUTI community. The JSI Head Counselor resides in the dormitories on campus alongside JSI Counselors, BUTI Resident Assistants, and their designated JSI students in order to create a line of continuity and familiarity from daytime instruction to life outside of academics. Working with Student Life team members, the Head JSI Counselor helps to address any student behavioral or residential issues that may arise, and communicate ongoing issues across activities. In conjunction with the BUTI residence staff, JSI counselors will lead and supervise the smooth execution of extracurricular activities specifically for JSI students, and chaperoning for mealtimes and field trips. This position reports directly to the Manager of Student Life.

Additionally, the Head JSI Counselor must be prepared to:

- Communicate with supervisors and teammates regularly, discerning and conveying any issues as they arise
- Supervise emergency responses
- Exercise initiative to handle situations, often autonomously
- Document and report incidents in a timely manner
- Perform detail-oriented tasks

On arrival, the JSI Head Counselor will partake in training alongside the Student Life team, to familiarize with University policies and procedures and prepare for the students' arrivals.

Qualifications

The preferred candidate for this position is a specialist in working with middle school aged students, has a background in music performance and/or education and possesses the following:

- Strong communication skills with a variety of individuals including students, parents, and faculty
- Ability to take decisive and well-informed action
- Excellent organizational skills
- Enjoyment in leading and supporting creative, artistic planning and activities
- Self-motivation, initiative, and a high level of energy
- Effective as a member of a team
- Tolerance, flexibility, and the ability to adjust to different situations

Compensation includes contracted salary, housing, all meals in the campus dining hall, and a Tanglewood Lawn Pass.

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