JULIAN MERCER

CAMP COUNSELOR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Camp Counselor with four summers of experience leading cabin groups of 10 to 12 children ages 7 to 14 at YMCA and Scouting camps. Certified in lifeguarding, wilderness first aid, and CPR, with a record of strong safety practice, activity planning, and helping first-time campers feel at home.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Camp Counselor May 2025 - Aug 2026
YMCA Camp Kanata, Wake Forest, NC

- Led a cabin of 12 campers ages 10 to 12 for eight weeks, with a parent satisfaction score of 4.8 out of 5 on the end-of-session survey.
- Supervised four junior counselors, scheduling their breaks and giving weekly feedback on supervision and activity leadership.
- Planned and ran a daily archery and canoeing rotation for 60 campers without a reportable incident.
- Wrote a homesickness plan with the camp nurse, and 11 of 12 homesick campers stayed through the full session.
- Led nightly campfire and evening programs for 120 people, rotating themes so campers who returned each summer saw something new.
- Documented injuries and medication reminders in the camp log each day and reviewed them with the health officer.

Camp Counselor and Lifeguard Jun 2024 - Aug 2024
Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council, Raleigh, NC

- Guarded the waterfront during daily swim periods for 150 scouts, performing buddy checks every 15 minutes with no missing-camper events.
- Taught Swimming and Lifesaving merit badge sessions to 28 scouts, and 24 completed the requirements by week five.
- Led two overnight backcountry trips for patrols of eight, covering route planning, bear-safe food storage, and campsite leave-no-trace practices.
- Responded to three first-aid cases on trail and at the waterfront, and filed the incident reports the same day.

Junior Counselor Jun 2023 - Aug 2023
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County, Raleigh, NC

- Supported two lead counselors with a day camp of 45 children, running crafts, games, and reading time for the youngest group.
- Created a buddy system pairing new campers with returning ones and reduced first-week drop-offs of tearful children.
- Set up and cleaned activity areas each morning and evening, and kept supply inventories accurate for the program director.

CORE SKILLS

Group supervision | Activity and program planning | Waterfront safety | Wilderness first aid | Conflict resolution | Child safety and mandated reporting | Archery and canoeing instruction | Campfire and evening programs | Homesickness support | Parent communication | Incident reporting | Mentoring junior staff

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

CERTIFICATIONS

American Red Cross Lifeguarding with CPR/AED | Wilderness First Aid, NOLS Wilderness Medicine | Youth Protection Training, Boy Scouts of America