

# YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly

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**Host Employer Description:** YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is located in the heart of the beautiful North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains and just outside of Asheville, known for its vibrant arts and music scene and historic architecture. The Blue Ridge Mountains boast miles of hiking trails, waterfalls and natural water slides, horseback riding, mountain biking, ziplines and ropes courses, and much more. YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly was founded more than 100 years ago as a mountain getaway, and hosts teen leaders from around the world for leadership training with a focus on social responsibility and service. Blue Ridge Assembly also hosts school field trips, spiritual retreats, church retreats, youth camps, family reunions, and/ or team building retreats for nonprofit organizations or companies.

**Cultural Information:** Santa YMCA Blue Ridge typically hosts about 25 international students on the Work & Travel USA Program. The students are from Thailand, China, Armenia, Lithuania, and many other countries.

**Job Placements Available:** The job openings for the 2018 summer season include customer service, guest services, lifeguards, kitchen help, housekeeping, and groundskeeping. There are also a few positions available

in conference and audio visual services. It is important that students know and be prepared to work in a beautiful yet remote location in the mountains.

### **Job Placement Descriptions:**

#### **Lifeguard positions - \$8.25/hour**

Lifeguards are responsible for ensuring a safe environment for swimmers. You must be able to recognize and react properly in emergency situations. You will check and maintain specific chemical levels in the pool and operate the pool filtration system. Additional duties may include but are not limited to cleaning the pool and surrounding areas, cleaning the restrooms, removing trash, and enforcing facility rules and gate control. Proficient swimming skills are necessary.

#### **Waitstaff/Dining Room Attendant positions - \$7.50/hour**

Working as a dining room attendant is the primary role, and general kitchen duties are also included, such as dish washing, cleaning, food prep, etc.

#### **Kitchen Help positions - \$8.00/hour**

Kitchen Helpers are responsible for washing and re-shelving dishware and glassware, emptying garbage, sweeping and mopping floors, wiping down food service tables, cleaning appliances, chopping vegetables, and assisting the cook. The kitchen area at times may have high humidity and temperatures.

#### **Ice Cream Sales positions - \$8.00/hour**

Ice cream sales attendants will be responsible for waiting on customers, handling money, making the ice cream products or various sandwiches and sides, prepping food, and maintaining and cleaning the grounds (i.e. cleaning, merchandising, and inventory management).

#### **Barista positions - \$8.00/hour**

Baristas will be responsible for making coffee, milkshakes, and smoothies, cleaning up in the seating area and employee section, emptying trash from all areas, and keeping the work space clean and tidy (i.e. cleaning, merchandising, and inventory management).

#### **Groundskeeping positions - \$7.50/hour**

Groundskeepers are responsible for daily maintenance of a property. Responsibilities can include painting, garbage removal, lawn maintenance, and sweeping and mopping.

#### **Housekeeping positions - \$7.50/hour**

Housekeepers are responsible for making beds, cleaning bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and common areas, and laundry, including washing, drying, folding, and ironing of sheets and towels, etc.

**Public Area Attendant - \$8.00/hour:** Public Area attendants (including Conference Services and Audio-Visual) are responsible for setting up and arranging all meeting spaces neatly and in accordance with guests' requests, (including seating and table setup and breakdown), cleaning and maintaining all meeting space areas,

including floor care and being a clerk the conference service desk (this desk is responsible to give all the sport equipment).

**Work Hours:** 32 hours per week

**Uniforms:** Two uniform shirts are provided. Participants must bring khaki pants or khaki shorts and comfortable, closed-toe shoes.

**Interview Format:** Your employer will conduct a Skype interview with you. InterExchange will provide you with guidance on how to prepare for your interview.

**Housing Information:** Students stay in one of the dormitory facilities on campus and within a short walking distance to their job site. The rent will be \$100 per week and drops to \$50 per week starting in August and until mid-September. All meals, Wifi, bedding, sheets, towels, and utilities are included in the rent. The staff meal plan includes buffet style meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with healthy options at every meal including fresh fruit and a deluxe salad bar.

Rooms are shared by two students. Each room has two single beds and a private bath. Laundry facilities are located in the dormitory, as well as a lobby/meeting area, a TV room, a kitchen, and a dining area. Dorm kitchen has refrigerator, microwave, stove/oven and most kitchen supplies. The swimming pool is available for staff when off duty. There is a workout room with weights and hiking trails in the area. You should bring all of your own personal toiletries.

### Area Information

Come explore the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Asheville music scene. Soak up the cool mountain air amidst a picturesque 1,200 acre forested campus. Make lifelong friends and memories. Earn money for college and beyond. Black Mountain, NC is a small, charming town with just a few restaurant and shops. It is a great area for those who hike and love the outdoors.

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly is located 20 minutes from historic downtown Asheville, and less than 40 minutes from Asheville Regional Airport. YMCA Blue Ridge provides free transportation to and from the airport or bus station.