



*in Algonquin Park, Ontario -- Canada*

## THE STAFF EXPERIENCE

**CAMP TAMAKWA** is a co-ed residential summer camp for children aged 7 to 16. Founded in 1936 in ALGONQUIN PARK Ontario, Canada, TAMAKWA offers a well rounded, outdoor recreational program which includes water and landsports, creative arts, theatre, hiking, camp crafts, and an extensive and well-reputed canoe-trip program. With 280 campers, TAMAKWA is known as a small camp with a warm and highly spirited family atmosphere.

Nestled along the winding shoreline of South Tea Lake -- just minutes from Algonquin Park's West Gate -- Tamakwa is noted for its strikingly picturesque and secluded setting. Accessible only by water, Tamakwa's long lakefront and sloping forested hills offer the true essence of living in the northern woods.

### LOCATION

Algonquin Park is 250 km (2½ hour drive) north of Toronto. South Tea Lake is 12 km inside the park's West Gate entrance. The closest town is Huntsville, Ontario (30 minute drive from camp).

### JOBS AVAILABLE:

- **CABIN COUNSELORS**
- **CANOE TRIPPERS**
- **& SPECIALISTS** for the following:

#### **Waterfront (\*\*):**

Canoeing  
Swimming  
Sailing  
Windsurfing  
Kayaking  
Fishing

#### **Outdoor Adventure:**

Ropes Course  
Climbing Wall  
Hiking, Nature & Outdoor Education

#### **Arts:**

Drama / Musicals  
Music (Piano Player)  
Arts & Crafts  
Pottery / Ceramics  
Music / Recording Studio  
Camp T.V.  
Woodworking  
Radio Station

#### **Landsports:**

Archery  
In-line Skating & Hockey  
Basketball  
Baseball  
Softball  
Soccer  
Half-Court Tennis  
Football  
Volleyball

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Registered Nurse  
Office Assistant/Secretary  
Maintenance/Janitor  
Boat & Tractor Drivers  
Babysitters – full-time care of toddlers  
of administrative staff families

### PREREQUISITES

**Junior Counselor** (J.C.) - Ages 17 and 18  
**Senior Counselor** (S.C.) - Age 19 and up  
**Canoe Trippers** -- Age 19 and up  
**Activity Leader** -- Teaching expertise in one of our activities. Age 19 and up

**\*\*Waterfront specialists, Canoe Trippers, and all Counselors require a minimum of Bronze Cross or American Red Cross Lifeguard Training certification (LGT)\*\***

### SALARY

Dependent on position and experience.  
Room and board provided.

### SOUTH TEA LAKE

Tamakwa is basically the sole user of this picturesque lake, approximately one square mile in size. In the middle are three islands, including "Treasure Island", a traditional destination for distance swim and Triathlon, about half a mile from camp's shore.

### WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT TAMAKWA?

Tamakwa's most prominent feature is its Algonquin setting. The description of Tamakwa as a "children's village" -- where young people live, work, and play in a forest environment -- translates to both individual and team growth. We find that the setting and facility are vehicles to the enhancement of skills, leadership, camaraderie, self-esteem and resourcefulness. With clean air, a crystal clear lake with drinkable water, and peaceful starry nights...the setting is also a vehicle to clean healthy living.

### AS A POINT OF INTEREST

**CAMP TAMAKWA** is featured in the Disney-Touchstone motion picture entitled **INDIAN SUMMER**, filmed at Camp Tamakwa in 1992, written and directed by camp alumnus Mike Binder, and starring Alan Arkin, Bill Paxton, and Elizabeth Perkins. Rent it!



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**OUR STAFF APPLICATION IS  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**

**[www.tamakwa.com/staff.htm](http://www.tamakwa.com/staff.htm)**

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**COUNSELOR JOB PROFILE**

Every position at Tamakwa has a specific job profile, but the basic job is the cabin counselor. As a counselor, you are the supervisor -- "big sister or brother" -- of a small group of campers. Typically, you live with the kids, accompany them to activities, help lead them on canoe trips and other outings, supervise them at meals, and generally look out for their well-being. You touch their lives and in a way, a bit of you rubs off on them. You are the person they will remember most from their summer at Tamakwa. You are THE role model for these impressionable young people: motivating them, keeping harmony among them, teaching new skills to them, humouring them, and helping them build self confidence.



**STAFF ENJOY STAFF EVENTS**

- Staff Evening Programs
- Staff Rec with Nightly snacks
- Staff Outings and Barbeques
- Staff Sports: softball, volleyball, roller hockey, basketball, etc...
- Staff Intercamp Sports
- Staff Movie Nights
- Staff Super Snack
- and more...

**DAYS OFF**

Having a break from the action is important to your morale, state of mind and is lots of fun. Staff members have six days off: that's once a week, except the first and last weeks of camp.

**THE REWARDS**

As a staff member at Tamakwa, you will have the time of your life. This is not your ordinary city job; rather it is a setting in which you will work closely with people of like mind and interest where the end product is fun. As it is for campers, so it is also for staff: a place to be yourself and offer your unique talents for the benefit of others.

Tamakwa is a magnet for talented creative people from all over North America and beyond. Unlike a conventional 9 to 5 job, you will not only work alongside fellow staff, but you get to know them, enjoy the kids and the activities with them, laugh with them, and share good times with them in ways that few other opportunities in life allow.

Besides the immense gratification, you will also gain self-confidence. You'll become more resourceful and build leadership skills, activity skills, communication skills, and people skills in general. You will create bonds with campers and staff that will stay with you all your life. Over the years, many staff have forged their greatest lifelong friendships among fellow staff. In fact, many of them have since sent their own children to Tamakwa to give them the same special experience they remember.

You will have the opportunity to live in a beautiful environment. There is no better way to understand and appreciate nature than to work and play within it. This, together with human growth, is what camping is all about.

*"may the great camper of all good campers be with us 'til we meet again"*