

The YA Experience

Position: Young Adult Ministry at VLM(upto four candidates)

Vision: This ministry gives young adults the opportunity to spend a school year intentionally connected in community while growing in their faith, experience and leadership skills. Using the VLM sites as a base for this community allows for a unique experience away from home or school. Upon successful completion of the experience, candidates would be encouraged to apply for a summer staff leadership position. This experience is rooted in growing faithful leaders for VLM summer staff and for the future.

“This program offers opportunities to learn and grow in your faith and experience. You will gain experience in hospitality, programming, and site development. In each of these focus areas you will work alongside directors and managers to complete tasks to broaden the ministry and develop as a leader through facilitation and collaboration of programs.

Living in an intentional christian community provides opportunities to grow in your faith in fellowship with other young adults. Grow in fellowship together as you experience weekly bible studies, commune together through worship and live in the way Christ calls us to live.

Being in God's great northwoods is a great place to find adventure through recreation. In your off time you will be able to use camp equipment and facilities to pursue adventures in the local area. In all four seasons there is something fun and new to learn and explore.

Partnering with Program Directors around these areas of focus:

Hospitality-

- Host retreat and rental groups
- Assist kitchen and cleaning staff to prepare for, serve and clean after groups on site
- Engage with and support volunteers and groups working on service projects

Programming-

- Support year-round programming through development, implementation and evaluation
- Assist with summer staff marketing, recruiting, college visits and training preparations
- Work with congregational partners on programming, Camp Sundays, and camper recruitment
- Prepare and develop summer camp curriculum, programs and schedule

Site Development-

- Assist with site maintenance and upkeep
- Work to develop additional site elements/opportunities for new programming options
- Work with property manager on projects

Expectations:

- Participants will meet weekly with Program Directors to assign tasks
- Participants will be expected to live onsite in assigned housing and abide by staff policies
- Time off will be scheduled
- The community is an alcohol and drug free environment
- Participants will be living in an intentional christian community

Benefits: \$100/week stipend along with housing and meals (when available with other groups on site.) There may be continuing education opportunities like the lifeguard, First Aid and other training.

Timeline: *September 1- May 1* (8 months)