

**INTERNATIONAL CAMP  
COUNSELOR PROGRAM**

**International YMCA**  
We build strong kids,  
strong families,  
strong communities.

*The*  
**PLANET**



*The newsletter for all ICCP participants, since 1959*

RESPONSIBILITY



**"T**ime flies when you're having fun" is an old saying. This is especially true when you are at a summer camp! Some of you are already almost done with your camp assignment. I bet it's hard to believe that you will soon be free to travel and have even more fun exploring the United States.

You are now part of the big YMCA family. I invite you to stay connected with us, your camp, but even more importantly, the ICCP recruiter or YMCA back home. Your experience at camp can be put to use in your home country.

Here are some reminders pertaining to the rest of your summer....

- It's never too early to start making plans for next summer. If you are interested in coming back to camp, talk to your camp director or supervisor now. You can even complete some of the paperwork before leaving camp. I hope you continue to choose ICCP as your program of choice to help you return to camp.
- Had a good time but would like a new camp next year? No problem. Simply contact the ICCP recruiter in your country upon return and complete the paperwork. We would love to have you back with us and maybe you can even be a volunteer at orientation now that you are an expert. ☺
- Interested in returning to your camp but for a longer period? Discuss your interest with your camp director. Many camps hire internationals to be trainees for a year or more. ICCP can assist with the visa paperwork.

- Need assistance finding a trainee position in USA? Send ICCP your resume and cover letter indicating what kind of opportunity you are looking for and for how long. We will share it with different camp directors to see if anybody is interested in having you at their camp, YMCA or Conference Center.

Thanks so much for participating in ICCP and for leaving a positive image at camp and wherever your travels take you. Remember, you are a role model no matter where you are. Be on your best behavior always because you never know who may be watching ☺

Amarilis Soler (Director of ICCP)

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**Orientations Abroad**

Spanish Orientation 2006



Venezuelan Orientation 2006



Peruvian Orientation 2006



Turkish participants showing us their culture

**A Reminder:**

**T**ell us about your summer experiences!

If you have some advice that might help future ICCP participants, let us know. Share your favorites photos!

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## ICCP Scholarships

ICCP is committed to building global citizens! Our participants come from over 70 different countries. Each one touches the lives of hundreds of American children, and it is our goal for each one to return home more caring, responsible, and committed to service.

Financial assistance is awarded to applicants who face extreme financial difficulties to offset the costs of participation in the program.

Scholarship funds are allocated from money donated to the YMCA or raised by YMCA volunteers through the Annual Support Campaign.

Scholarships have already been designated for participants in need with the help of your local recruiters.

### Where are the checks now?

If you have been designated as a participant that will receive an ICCP Scholarship, a check will be sent to your camp before your departure.

Please help us prepare the next generation of global leaders by making a donation to our 2007 Campaign.



Contact Dan Garber at: 1-888 477 9622 Ext 4315 or email: [dgarber@ymcanyc.org](mailto:dgarber@ymcanyc.org)



### June 8th orientation



## Jobs after Camp

The following sites are hiring staff through the end of the summer. If you have successfully completed your camp assignment, you may contact them for another camp experience. ICCP is not responsible for negotiating your salary, but you must inform ICCP of your change of address at all times by sending us the "after camp travel itinerary" form that was given to you at orientation.

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT CAMP COUNSELORS CAN ONLY WORK AS A CAMP COUNSELOR AND SUPPORT STAFF CAN ONLY WORK AS SUPPORT STAFF)**

**Camp Name:** Main Golf & Tennis Academy

**Contact Name:** Shannon Klingensmith

**Contact Phone #:** (207)465-3226

**Contact e-mail:** fun@golfcamp.com

**Job Position, and details:**

US certified Lifeguards, males or females that can stay until 8/26th.

**Camp Name:** West Side YMCA

**Contact Name:** Kalisma Alayon

**Contact Phone #:** (212)875-4309

**Contact e-mail:** kalayon@ymcanyc.org

**Job Position, and details:**

US certified Lifeguards, males or females that can stay until late august or longer.

**Camp Name:** Forest Lake Camp

**Contact Name:** Gary Confer

**Contact Phone #:** (518) 623-4771

**Contact e-mail:** gaconfer@aol.com

**Job Position, and details:**

4 male counselors

**Camp Name:** Hungtinton

**Contact Name:** Daniel Falk

**Contact Phone #:** (212)678-0089

**Contact e-mail:** chstaff@hvc.rr.com

**Job Position, and details:**

Special needs counselors.

**Camp Name:** Camp Netimus

**Contact Name:** Dona Kistler

**Contact Phone #:** (570) 296-6131

**Contact e-mail:** info@netimus.com

**Job Position, and details:**

Looking for support staff and counselors



**Camp Name:** Camp Talcott  
**Contact Name:** Michael Peters  
**Contact Phone #:** (845)858-2200  
**Contact e-mail:** mpeters@ymcanyc.org  
**Job Position, and details:**  
General Counselors

**Camp Name:** Camp Tanuga  
**Contact Name:** Ron Fritz  
**Contact Phone Number:** (231) 258-9150  
**Contact email:** [ron@camptanuga.com](mailto:ron@camptanuga.com)  
**Job/ Position and details:**camp counselors, males or females.

**Camp Name:** YMCA Camp Duncan  
**Contact Name:** Sasha Bryzhenyuk  
**Contact Phone Number:** (847) 546-8086  
**Contact email:** [sasha\\_bryzhenyuk@ymcachgo.org](mailto:sasha_bryzhenyuk@ymcachgo.org)  
**Job/ Position and details:** Support Staff needed (kitchen staff), starting from august 10th or earlier through end of October.

## Health Insurance

Everybody knows how expensive medical treatment in the U.S.A. can be. That is why ICCP guarantees 12 weeks of coverage for all participants.

We suggest that you keep the Insurance claim form and \$ 10.00 (ten dollars) at all times along with your passport, in case of an emergency.

When you go to the hospital make sure the doctor fills out your insurance claim form and sends it to the insurance claims office, located at:

**American International Companies  
Domestic Accident & health Claims  
P.O. box 15701, Wilmington, DE 19850-5701  
(800) 551-0824 or (302) 661-4176**

Be aware that the insurance does not cover dental and eye care, or illnesses that are pre-existing. Your coverage information can be obtained on the website at [www.coalitionamerica.com](http://www.coalitionamerica.com); PIN # 3014.

Let's have fun but also be safe this summer!



**Francisco:** I think that being away from home (relatives, friends) it's really hard, but from my point of view this is a new challenge, and I do all my best and put all my effort in the activities that are involved in this new experience, in order to feel good and accomplish them in a satisfactory way.

**Rizzia:** Being away from home is always an adventure and a challenge. To take advantage of this opportunity we have to pay attention to little details like our health insurance and our documents. Paying attention to that, we have time to make new friends and to know more places. Do not waste a chance to know more about the other cultures and to show yours too and have fun, at all times!!

## U.S. Tax

As a J-1 visa holder you are legally required to file a U.S tax return. The good news is that you may be due a refund! Filling out U.S tax forms is very confusing and time consuming. We want to inform you of a service that can make it easier for you!

Tax Back International (Taxback.com) specializes in tax refunds for J-1 visa holders and will guarantee to reclaim the most possible money for you.

**Tax Back International  
333 N Michigan Ave, suite 2415  
Chicago, IL 60601, USA  
Tel: Within the USA 1888 203 8900  
Tel: Outside the USA + 353  
16706959  
Fax: 1 312-781-2707  
Email: [info@taxback.com](mailto:info@taxback.com)  
Website: [www.taxback.com/ymca](http://www.taxback.com/ymca)**

To receive a free refund quote in 48 hours you can go online at [www.taxback.com](http://www.taxback.com).

We hope this information is helpful to you.

## Being away from home (from Trainees Perspective...!)

**Uriel:** Being part of the training program of the YMCA International is a great experience, not only for all the knowledge you gain during your stay in United States of America, but also for all the personal development you gain as person; learning to handle different situations, interacting with people from other cultures, establishing new relationships and making new friends from all over the world. During the time we are far from our beloved family we find out new ways to enjoy our stay here, and in those moments that we feel the sadness of being away from home, always there is someone ready to listen and support us when we need it, all the challenges we confront during our stay here, make this experience something unforgettable.

**Alexis:** Being away from home is a lifetime opportunity to learn everything you can about life in the United States and about yourself. Most of us find it challenging to be away from our own environment, but on the other hand, as time goes by, we get to learn a lot about ourselves. We also learn to understand the differences and similarities among people we deal with. Being away from home can definitely be a very enriching experience to learn from ourselves.

## Social Security

New government regulations affect the processing of your social security applications.

You could very well be ending your summer program and still not have received your Social Security card. Not to worry! The Social Security Administration anticipated this and gave the following instructions:

**(If you attended an Orientation you have probably already applied for your Social Security Card)**

- Leave a signed letter authorizing your camp director to receive and open your social security letter in your absence. Your camp director will need the social security number for payroll and tax issues. Include your home address so that your camp director can forward your card to you.
- You should be getting paid by now. When you applied for your social security card you should have received a receipt. That receipt should have been submitted to your camp's payroll department to insure you are paid in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions, contact Sheba Clark at 1-212-727-8800 Ext. 4305 or at [sclark@ymcanyc.org](mailto:sclark@ymcanyc.org)



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## Travel After Camp

Before you know it your time at camp will be over. You may have plans to travel after camp or maybe to do some sight seeing! ICCP would like to offer you the following advice:

- You are able to travel within the U.S (ONLY) up to 30 days after the end date that is printed on your DS- 2019 form.
- ICCP must know where you are at all times. Please fill out the form online at: [www.ymcaiccp.org](http://www.ymcaiccp.org). Go to International Participants/ Your Update Page.
- You will save money if you buy your tickets (bus or train) at least 7 days before your traveling date. You will find good deals at the following websites:
  1. [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)
  2. [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)
- ICCP has arranged discounted rates for you to stay in New York at the Westside YMCA. To take advantage of this offer you should call the Westside YMCA (212) 875 4100 and ask for the ICCP discounted rate (\$ 55 single room, \$ 58 double room). Upon arrival you will need to show your ICCP emergency card, DS-2019 and Passport.
- ICCP has also arranged discounted rates for you to stay in New York at the Harlem YMCA. To take advantage of this offer you should call the Harlem YMCA (212) 281-4100 and ask for the ICCP discounted rate (\$ 32.50). On arrival you will need to show your ICCP emergency card, DS-2019 and Passport

### Emergency Contact Number

**24 hours a day**  
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