

Windsor Mountain ASL Department Interpreter FAQs

What are the living situations like on camp? Will I be living with the students?

The living units on camp are divided into 1) younger girls, in the Dorms, 2) younger boys, in the Cabins, and 3) older children, in the Tent Unit. Although you may live NEAR the children you interpret for, you do not live in the same room as them. For example, you may sleep in a cabin close to the students you interpret for, but not in the same cabin.

Is there indoor plumbing?

Yes! We are rustic, but the bathroom facilities are all under a roof, and we have hot showers.

What is the food like?

The food is wonderful! We have a dedicated and creative kitchen staff, who work many long hours to keep hungry campers and counselors fed. We have our own garden, and buy much of our food locally. There is always a vegetarian option. If you have specific food allergies, the kitchen is exceptionally flexible.

What about free time?

You will have one block off during the day, two evenings off (5 – 9pm) during the week, one full night off, and one 3 day off chunk. You work hard when you are on camp, but we recognize the need for time away for your sanity.

Is there internet access? Phones?

There is wireless and hard wired internet access in the office if you bring your own laptop. We also have two computers reserved for staff use. There is an internet phone for international calls, and phones for US calls.

What else can I do when I'm there? Can I share my own skills, other than interpreting?

Yes! Absolutely. Obviously interpreting will be your primary duty, but we encourage you to connect with campers and staff, and share what you are good at. Talk with your program supervisor to fit it into your schedule. If you want to learn to do something in your time off, you can do that too.

What if I can't understand the camper I am assigned to? What if they can't understand me?

We try very hard to put you into safe, comfortable situations at camp. If you ever feel like you are in a situation where your interpreting is not being successful, let your supervisor know immediately. We can work on strategies to improve the situation.

So, am I a counselor as well? What does being an interpreter entail?

No, you aren't a counselor! We have a whole week of orientation to work on the line between counselor and interpreter, as it can be a little confusing at first, but you will not be responsible for children – only for interpreting for them.

What kinds of situations will I interpret in?

EVERYTHING! Your primary job is interpreting for children in their classes during the day. These can be anything from sports and water based activities, arts and crafts, games, ropes course, and even more random and fun. However, you also will be interpreting for staff meetings, department meetings, one on ones for both staff and campers, Morning Meetings, all camp activities, and a myriad of other activities. In the middle of the session we also have a huge all camp Theater Fest in the middle of the month, which needs to be interpreted by those with theatrical aspirations.

What should I bring? How warm/cold does it get?

Bring warm clothes and something warm for sleeping! It's NH, and it's in the mountains – it gets cold at night! A warm sleeping bag or blanket, heavy sweatshirt, jeans, socks and sneakers are a must. And then during the day – it can be hot! Bathing suits, shorts, tank tops, are a good call. Absolutely bring a pair of closed toe shoes – NOT cros! Sneakers are best. Bring outdoor gear – bug spray, sun screen, water bottle, sandals, hat, etc. We don't insist on specific clothing for interpreters at camp, but please bring at least one plain skin contrasting t-shirt for interpreting situations where you will be need to be seen from a distance.

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