

Band Coach

Rain City Rock Camp Summer 2020

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Position Overview

Band coaches are paired with a camper band and guide them throughout the week-long process of creating an original song for the showcase. Band coaches support the songwriting process by providing structure and encouraging collaboration.

Coaches will be assigned to their bands on the first day of camp and will meet with them each afternoon for band practice. You'll work alongside a **camp counselor** who may or may not have musical experience but can assist with team building and mediate group conflict. In band practice, campers are encouraged to build on skills that they gained during morning instrument instruction, share creative ideas, collaborate respectfully and be loud! During Virtual Summer Camp, online tools such as video calls and group chat messages may be used to facilitate the use of a collaborative musical platform where campers will create tracks using MIDI instruments.

The minimum time commitment for this role during Virtual Summer Camp is under two hours. However, we encourage volunteers to consider joining campers for fun events—like morning and afternoon assembly, live-streamed performances by local musicians, creative workshops—between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have a little more time to give, please consider signing up for two shifts. This means you'll get to work with two different bands in different age groups as they make rock camp miracles.

Shift One: 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., Monday to Thursday

Shift Two: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday

Required Time Commitments for Both Shifts

Showcase Event: Friday: 4:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All-Volunteer Debrief: 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday

Many of our band coaches also choose to sign up as instrument instructors. This combined full-time role gives you the chance to facilitate small group lessons that emphasize confidence and creativity. Instrument instructors must be present Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please see the instrument instructor role description—the music and teaching experience requirements are different than those for band coaches.

Female ([cis](#) or trans), trans and gender nonconforming folks are welcome to apply for this position.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum one year of songwriting or musical experience
- Experience with team building and conflict resolution with a social-emotional focus
- Experience or willingness to explore teaching or facilitating using video streaming platforms (training provided)

- Experience with or interest in working closely with young people ages 8 to 17 in a mentor capacity
- Knowledge of or interest in learning more about social justice issues impacting girls, womxn and gender-diverse individuals, especially relating to the music industry
- Creativity, patience and willingness to approach each situation with a growth mindset

Volunteer Responsibilities (Required for Participation)

Task	Deadline
Complete the Summer Camp Volunteer Application	Friday, June 12
Participate in a brief phone interview (new volunteers only)	As scheduled with volunteer coordinator
Attend Virtual Camp Counselor, Mental Health Crew, or Front Desk Training as applicable	Tuesday, June 23rd
Attend either Returning Volunteer Training or New Volunteer Training	Returning: Tuesday, July 7th New: Thursday, July 9th
Complete all required training materials assigned by your lead counselor	As assigned
Attend session one, session two, or both sessions of Virtual Summer Camp	Session 1: July 13th-17th Session 2: July 20th-24th

Note: A returning volunteer is any volunteer who has participated in at least one session of Summer Camp. A new volunteer is a volunteer who has never participated in a volunteer capacity with Rain City Rock Camp.

Benefits of Volunteering with Rain City Rock Camp

- Join a supportive and engaged community of friendly peers working toward a common goal
- Build mentor relationships with girls and gender-diverse campers as they embark on a week-long journey self expression and empowerment through musical collaboration and songwriting.
- Access to free training and professional development resources year-round on topics including trauma-informed care, youth development and supporting gender-marginalized musicians
- Access to leadership and further volunteer opportunities within Rain City Rock Camp: board of directors and its subcommittees, senior volunteer roles and more!
- Access to free gear loans from Rain City Rock Camp: basses, guitars, keyboards, drum kits, microphones, PAs, cords and cables, and more! (A note on COVID-19: Loans will be in effect when we are confident that there is minimal risk involved with loaning gear.)
- Free t-shirt with the annual theme logo

Still have questions? Visit our [Virtual Summer Camp FAQ](#) or email programsupport@raincityrockcamp.org.