

# ***Band Coach***

## ***Rain City Rock Camp Summer 2021***

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### **Position Overview:**

Band coaches are paired with two different youth bands and guide them throughout the week-long process of creating an original song for the showcase. Coaches support the songwriting process by providing structure and encouraging collaboration. All volunteers will be trained on Soundtrap, the online music collaboration platform that we use to create our original songs.

Coaches will be assigned to their bands on the first day of camp and will meet with them each afternoon for band practice. Coaches 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!

All Band Coaches must be available Monday through Thursday from 1:30pm-5:30pm, plus 9:00am-12:00pm on Friday. The showcase is on Saturday from 4:00-5:30pm.

Many of our Band Coaches also choose to sign up as an Instrument Instructor (M-T, 9:30am-12:00pm); this combined full-time role gives them the chance to facilitate small group lessons that emphasize confidence and creativity. \*Please see Instrument Instructor role description; different levels of music and teaching experience required.

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

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Minimum 1 year of songwriting and/or musical experience
- Experience in facilitating small groups or classroom setting, especially for music instruction
- Experience with team building and conflict resolution through a Social/Emotional lens
- Experience with or interest in working closely with young people ages 8-17 in a mentor capacity
- Knowledge of or interest in learning more about social justice issues impacting girls, women, and gender-diverse individuals, especially relating to the music industry
- Creativity, patience, and willingness to approach each situation with a growth mindset

## Required Commitment:

Complete the <a href="#">Summer Camp Volunteer Application</a>	Deadline: <b>Monday, May 31st</b>
Complete a phone or Zoom interview *New volunteers only.	on <b>Tuesday, June 1st</b> or <b>Wednesday, June 2nd</b>
Attend either Returning Training or New Volunteer Training	New: <b>Tuesday, June 22nd</b> Returning: <b>Wednesday, June 23rd</b>
Attend Tech Training	<b>Wednesday, June 30th</b>
Attend Role-Specific Training	<b>Wednesday, July 7th</b>
Complete all required training materials assigned by your Lead Band Coach	<b>As needed</b>
Attend either Session 1, Session 2, or both	Session 1: <b>July 12th-17th</b> Session 2: <b>July 19th-24th</b>

- \*A Returning volunteer is any applicant who has participated in at least one session of Summer Camp. A New volunteer is an applicant who has never participated in a volunteer capacity with Rain City Rock Camp.\*

## Benefits

- Join a supportive and engaged community of friendly peers working towards a common goal
- Build mentor relationships with girls and gender-diverse campers as they embark on this week-long journey to form a band, write an original song, and perform at the showcase
- Access to free training & professional development resources year-round on topics including approaches to trauma-informed care, perspectives on youth development, and tips for supporting gender-marginalized musicians
- Access to leadership and further volunteer opportunities within RCRC such as service on the Board of Directors and subcommittees, long-term and/or highly skilled volunteer roles
- Access to free gear loans from Rain City Rock Camp, including basses, guitars, keyboards, drum kits, microphones, PAs, cords & cables, and more!
- Power Up Pack of camp supplies including t-shirt with this year's theme logo, craft supplies, training materials, and other fun goodies for your time at camp
- Free entry to the best show in town, Saturday's virtual showcase of camper talent!

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