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Summer Camp USA – A true working holiday

Each year, more and more young Australians are embarking on the adventure of their lifetime, traversing the planet and exploring new, different and exciting cultures around the world. And each year, an ever-growing number of Aussies look to the American countryside to combine their love of working with children and passion to travel as part of a 150-year old tradition; summer camp in the United States.

International Exchange Programs (IEP) has been helping Australians aged 19-35 realise their summer camp dreams for more than 16 years on their *Summer Camp USA*™ program, and with the 2012 season well under way, now is the time for applicants to get started on their applications.

One young woman who has taken the first steps on her way to camp is Melbourne's Danielle McCurdy. *"I always look forward to meeting new people and this is a great opportunity to work with people from around the world who are just as excited as I am about trying something new", she said. "I'm excited to experience a different culture, (and) although it is still the modern western world, people always do things a little differently and I can't wait to get amongst it!"*

Through IEP's program, Australians are hired to lead all sorts of activities at camp. From horse riding to rock climbing, archery to arts & crafts, there's a camp to suit every skill set. For Danielle, her area of expertise is one of the most popular for Aussie staff, and is always in high demand by American camp directors. *"(I would love to teach) waterskiing or wakeboarding; give me a boat, sun, water and the chance to teach kids the things I love, and I'm there! I have been waterskiing for as long as I can remember and if I could do it all year-round, I would".*

With a number of competitors out there, why did Danielle choose IEP? *"I looked up a number of different programs over the internet and IEP, just through their website, made summer camp look amazing. I attended a number of information sessions on various programs and I just loved their enthusiasm, they were very willing to help out with any questions and share their previous experiences".*

One of the best thing about the summer camp adventure is that the visa allows participants 30 days' travel time in the United States and from there most continue travelling the world. For Danielle, this includes *"heading to Canada to work on the snowfields for the season and then making my way over to Europe to continue exploring the world and make it an experience of a life time".*

IEP's *Summer Camp USA* program is available to people aged 19-35, who have experience working with children and are able to lead at least one activity while at camp. Most camps begin in early June and last until mid- to late-August, with 30 days to travel North America after their contract ends. Applications are now open, and those who apply before 30 November will receive a \$50 discount on the program fee.



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IEP hold free information sessions in capital cities and regional centres around Australia. For more information on dates & locations, *Summer Camp USA*, or on any of IEP's other work & travel opportunities in the United States, please head to www.iep.org.au or contact IEP at info@iep.org.au or on (03) 9329 3866.

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