

BUNAC Beats The End Of Summer Blues And Opens Registration For 2016 Working Holidays in North America!

London, September 2015: BUNAC's **Summer Camp Exchange USA**, **Work America** and **Work Canada** programmes are now open for young adults interested in applying to live and work in North America during 2016.

Regional Summer Camp interviews are already taking place all around the UK at locations stretching from Birmingham to Belfast and from Nottingham to Newcastle (see website for full list of cities).

In addition, Summer Camp Recruitment Fairs will take place in January in London on the 9th, Manchester on the 10th and Edinburgh on the 13th. It's the perfect opportunity to get hired on the spot by Camp Directors visiting from the US and, as they are the first recruitment events of their kind to take place in 2016, they provide the best chance of finding a placement for the summer.

Aimed at those aged 19 plus who have some experience of and enthusiasm for working with children, Summer Camp provides applicants with the opportunity to enhance their CV, make new friends from across the world, work in the Great Outdoors for 8-10 weeks between May and September and take a well-earned holiday afterwards, travelling around the United States.

Understandably, jobs at Summer Camp are in high demand, however, those with experience in coaching or teaching specific activities including swimming, tennis, gymnastics, horse riding, archery, water sports and arts and crafts, will have a greater chance of being selected.

Work abroad specialist, BUNAC, provides a practical role throughout, co-ordinating interviews, matching candidates with the best camps and roles to suit their skills, background and personality, arranging placements, flights and insurance, helping with visa applications, running orientation courses in the UK pre-departure, and offering support during the entire cultural exchange programme.

Prices for Summer Camp Exchange USA start from £499 (including a £50 early bird discount) and also include, return transatlantic flights from London, transfers, food and accommodation at camp, plus medical insurance. Participants receive pocket money of up to \$1,100, depending on age, specialist skills and qualifications. With interview places filling up quickly, it's advisable to telephone 033 39997516 to book a slot now!

Work America gives full-time UK university students the chance to spend up to four months during the summer break working and travelling in the USA. BUNAC has been organising work placements in the US since 1962 and has relationships with a wide range of employers across the country, plus a wealth of experience in helping candidates secure a job to match their skill set and interests.

The organisation offers an on-line job zone, where candidates can access a range of opportunities in tourism or hospitality, with roles in amusement parks, country clubs and hotels among those available. Successful applicants could find themselves flying off to destinations including California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and North Carolina, with jobs ranging from a waitress in a 5-star hotel, lifeguard, cook in a seafood restaurant, worker in an amusement park, retail assistant in an ice cream parlour, candy store or gift shop all up for grabs.

Prices for these services, which also include assistance in obtaining a J-1 visa, a handbook covering all aspects of living and working in America, medical insurance and ongoing support throughout the entire experience, start from £599 for first-time applicants and £499 for returners.

Work Canada has also opened for those who wish to get ahead of the rush and pre-register in advance of the release of new 2016 IEC Work Permits.

British adults aged between 18 and 30 and Irish adults aged between 18 and 35 are eligible to apply for the programme, and for the visas which allow participants to spend up to 24 months living, working and travelling in Canada.

BUNAC's *Essentials* programme offers support finding a job on arrival using the organisation's dedicated working holiday resource centres in Toronto and Vancouver, and costs just £359. Alternatively, the *Ultimate* programme ensures that candidates are matched to a job pre-departure and costs £599. This covers access to UK-based interviews with Canadian employers, together with a pre-arranged job in British Columbia, Ontario or Alberta in some of the world's top ski resorts such as Whistler and Blue Mountain.

Both options include advice and assistance in the run-up to the IEC Work Permit release date, a handbook, access to group flights via Iceland and tailored travel insurance, two free nights' accommodation on arrival in Canada and the use of BUNAC's resource centres in Toronto and Vancouver, where information is given about opening a bank account, finding accommodation and social events.

For further details or to begin the online application process, visit <http://www.bunac.org/uk/work-abroad> or, to speak with a member of the BUNAC team, telephone 033 3999 7516.

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