



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg & YMCA Camp Artigas, Uruguay

The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg International Working Group is excited to announce a one month exchange opportunity in January/February 2012 with YMCA Camp Artigas in Uruguay.

Camp Artigas has program areas and facilities for recreation, sport and education. Located 100 kilometres from Montevideo, this beautiful location features pine and eucalyptus woods and a quiet 3 km beach on the Rio de la Plata. Camp Artigas is designed for children, youth and adults to experience an adventure and is the ideal place for fun and relaxation.

This exchange will give participants the opportunity to experience life as a Camp Counsellor at YMCA Camp Artigas. Camp Artigas hopes to gain knowledge and skills in new program options for their campers from the participants, while sharing cultural traditions, language skills and their camp culture.

The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg's International Working Group is accepting applications until October 14, 2011. Applications will be reviewed and successful candidates will be contacted in early November.

To qualify for the program, potential participants must:

- ✓ Be between 18-30 years of age
- ✓ Complete a Child Abuse and Criminal Records check
- ✓ Have a valid passport and be able to legally enter Uruguay
- ✓ Have experience delivering recreational programming, and be willing to teach new programming techniques to Camp Artigas staff.
- ✓ Have experience at a summer camp as a senior camper, leader or staff
- ✓ Be committed to the Y's core values of caring, equality, health, honesty, inclusiveness, respect and responsibility
- ✓ Be willing to present on their exchange experience at future Y events
- ✓ Be able to share living space in a close communal environment
- ✓ Be a motivated, enthusiastic individual who enjoys working with children
- ✓ Have good working knowledge of basic Spanish and be willing to increase competency before January 2012

Application and Selection Process

To apply to be part of the exchange program, interested applicants should:

1. Submit a cover letter detailing why you are interested and what you hope to contribute and gain from this experience. Please highlight relevant residential camp and other experiences working with children and youth. Letters should not exceed 2 pages.
2. Send your resume and a cover letter to mmarginet@ymcaywca.mb.ca or 3550 Portage Ave, Winnipeg MB, R3K 0Z8.
3. Applicants selected for interview will be contacted within one week of the closing date.
4. If you are selected for the exchange, you will be contacted in early November to make further arrangements.

Notes on the Exchange

- The exact dates of the one month exchange are negotiable during January and February
- Travel expenses, room and board will be covered by the exchange program
- Accommodations will be residential camp style. Participants will stay with a group of young campers
- Participants will be considered Camp Staff (responsible for campers at all times)
- One exchange space is available through the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg. The YMCA of Regina and YMCA-YWCA Guelph may also send exchange participants
- Please visit www.acj-ymca.org/artigas/ to learn more about Camp Artigas

For more information on the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg's

International Working Group:

www.winnipegYinternational.blogspot.com