

Applying to Be a Camp Director:

Insider Tips



During your time at Galileo, it's likely your Camp Director far exceeded your idea of what it means to be a great leader. We know that can be both incredibly inspiring, and maybe a bit daunting when it comes to seeing yourself in a similar role. But the truth is, camp staff make the best Camp Directors.

Here's why:

- **You already have a personal connection to the Galileo mission. You've seen it at work for yourself, your campers, and fellow staff.** That little Nebula who stayed super determined in wrangling those tape strips for a cardboard creation. Your favorite Summer Intern who gained so much courage by the end of summer, they were co-starring in skits. And, maybe most importantly: you — becoming a more joyful, action-oriented professional through learning and implementing the GIA (in *and* outside of camp).
- **You've also seen camp operate!** From check-in and check-out to opening ceremonies to extended care to camp clean-up — you've got firsthand experience with these and so many other aspects of camp.
- **Yeah, that one thing.** We know from years of hiring and training exceptional leaders that there are many different ways to bring Galileo values to life. Every single Camp Director adds their own personality, experience, and vision to the role. So that unique flavor you bring to camp? There's likely a place (and a need) for it in a future Camp Director.
- **You may not embody every skill quite yet. And that's okay. Nobody does at first.** You may not check every single skill box, but you've already demonstrated the most important quality: commitment to yourself and to camp. Becoming a Camp Director means you're ready to commit to learning and growing in the role over three (or more!) years. This gives you the opportunity to reflect, test, and redesign after each season; it gives your campers and staff your consistent support and special brand of whimsy.
- **You understand that running successful camps means the ability to bring design-thinking to a wider audience.** You get that the better each of us does our jobs, the more we can grow our financial assistance and non-profit partnership programs.
- **It can propel your career.** What do a current university professor, Maker Ed executive, founder of a non-profit yoga provider, and a few Area Directors all have in common? That's right — they're all former Galileo CDs. Few other roles offer experience across such a wide range of skills like hiring and supervision, budget management, program operations, marketing, customer service, and so much more.
- **The earlier you apply, the earlier you'll start a conversation with people who care about you and your professional success.** Even if you aren't 100% sure you're ready to become a CD, applying can shed a ton of light on whether it's a mutual fit. It also provides ample time to explore the possibilities with your AD, including an important discussion on potential locations.

Ready to soak up more reasons a CD role may be right for you? Check out our [yearly timeline resource](#) and watch [this video](#) about life as a CD.

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