

# Explore Summer Opportunities

# WOHELO

The Luther Gulick Camps



A Girls' Summer Camp  
located on beautiful  
Sebago Lake, Maine



100 Years of Girls Working Together

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### WHAT ARE THE STAFF LIKE? ARE THERE MANY FIRST-YEAR COUNSELORS?

Wohelo is proud of its staff whether they are returning counselors or new to the Wohelo experience. Each year about 50% of the staff are returning counselors who help ensure the continuation of camp traditions. First-year counselors provide a fresh outlook on camp activities as well as diversity and culture. Wohelo hires international counselors who are interested in a summer in America and come from countries such as Australia, England, New Zealand, and Ireland. The average age of counselors at Wohelo is 20 years old.



*"I now have fabulous friends from many different countries and have shared the most challenging and rewarding experiences with them."*

### HOW LONG IS THE CAMP SEASON? DO COUNSELORS HAVE TIME OFF?

Wohelo requires a 7 1/2 week commitment from counselors. Counselors arrive for pre-camp a few days early to get to know one another and learn skills in preparation for the upcoming season. Being a camp counselor is a round the clock job and doesn't allow for a lot of private space. There are breaks during the day for staff but counseling is still a demanding role emotionally and physically. With the exception of the first and last few days of camp, counselors are encouraged to take one day off per week beginning at reveille. Counselors can also take three evenings off per week beginning after campers are in bed and ending at 1am. Time off allows counselors to see the sights around Maine, recharge, and enjoy the camp program and even work for camp honors.

### WHERE AND WHAT IS WOHELO?

Wohelo was founded by Charlotte and Luther Gulick in 1907. There has been a tradition of family leadership for over 100 years. Wohelo is comprised of two residential girls' camps—Little Wohelo ages 6-12 and Sebago Wohelo ages 12-16. The two camps are separated by 1/2 mile and have separate facilities and programs. Wohelo sits on a mile of Sebago Lake shore front divided into three coves, two beaches, and three islands. Our sparkling Sebago Lake is the third largest lake in New England and it is the public water supply for the city of Portland. Urban amenities are available in Portland, ME - 45 minutes away and Boston - two and a half hours away.



*At Wohelo we strive to create a rustic environment close to nature and away from the conveniences and complications of the modern world. Personal growth is a central focus and campers get their education through experience.*

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CAMP COUNSELING?

Camp counseling is an excellent opportunity for you to gain experience as a leader, teacher, mentor and team player. Many employers recognize the responsibilities involved in summer camp counseling and the character benefits that can be gained. Camp counseling is a positive step in your future career.



**WHAT WOULD MY JOB BE?  
WHERE WOULD I LIVE?**

Most counselors new to camp work at Little Wohelo, though at either camp your job would include being a cabin counselor and also an activity director and/or an activity assistant. Counselors live in the rustic cabins with the campers and bathrooms are a short walk away.



*“What is wonderful about Wohelo is that it is totally separate from the rest of my life. I can make friends from all over the world, try new things, and find out so much about myself that I wouldn’t have learned in another context.”*

**Cabin counselors** comprise the majority of staff at camp. There are about 3.5 campers per counselor and there may be one or two counselors in a cabin depending on its size. As a cabin counselor you are a role model for the cabin, you create a cohesive cabin group through special cabin times, and you keep tabs on your campers through the day. Campers know their cabin counselors better than any other adults and counselors are responsible for reporting on camper progress.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED?**

Little Wohelo  
 Drama  
 Sailing  
 Swimming  
 Canoeing/Kayaking  
 Crafts  
 Puppets  
 Waterskiing  
 Nature/Camp craft  
 Archery  
 Dance  
 Tennis  
 Music/Chorus

Sebago Wohelo  
 Drama  
 Sailing/Racing  
 Swimming/Diving  
 Canoeing/Trips  
 Silversmithing  
 Weaving  
 Pottery  
 Waterskiing  
 Windsurfing  
 Nature/Ecology  
 Tennis  
 Dance  
 Music/Chorus

**Activity directors** are chosen to manage their particular activity and possess the “big picture” regarding their area of instruction. Activity directors are responsible for the teaching techniques of other counselors teaching within their activity. Counselors chosen to direct activities have previous teaching experience in their activity.



**Activity assistants** help support activity directors and can receive training from the director on how to participate in and teach the activity. Counselors teach in more than one activity throughout the day which adds variety to the job.

*“When I came to camp I had never been sailing before, but by the end I had not only learned how to sail, I was teaching it too. It made me feel great to have a new skill that I loved and to be able to teach it to others .”*

**WHO ARE THE CAMPERS AT WOHELO?**

Many of the campers at Wohelo come because their grandmothers, mothers, aunts and sisters have come to camp. Some foreign girls come to camp to experience an American tradition and improve their English. Other campers who live in urban areas come to camp to experience the beauty and simple rustic living that camp offers. Often sisters come to camp together. Wohelo campers are fun and healthy girls to work with. Campers who enjoy a summer at Wohelo leave with higher self-esteem, a sense of competence and lots of new friends.



**HOW MUCH WILL I GET PAID AT CAMP?**

Our salaries are competitive with similar camps. Camp counseling is a valuable working and teaching experience that prepares you for leadership jobs in the future. While at camp room and board is paid for as well as uniform costs and laundry. Your salary will be determined by your age and year in school.



**HOW DO I APPLY?  
DO I NEED SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS?**

The most important characteristic we are looking for in our counselors is a genuine interest in working with children. Please explain and list any certifications on your application. Wohelo is interested in supporting counselor training and financial assistance may be available for some programs—to be considered on a per applicant basis. An application is enclosed or is available upon request.

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