** CISV Greater Springfield – Leader & Staff Opportunities**

**About CISV:**

CISV – Children’s International Summer Villages – is an international youth organization whose mission is to educate and inspire action for a more just and peaceful world.

The program emphasizes international friendship and cross-cultural communication through cooperative living, non-competitive games, and a variety of typical camp activities such as arts and crafts, music, swimming, and sports. Day by day, the children learn that despite certain cultural differences, they have much more in common as members of the human family in an increasingly interdependent world.

There are 50 member countries across the globe, with 27 chapters in the United States. Our local chapter, CISV Greater Springfield, which is merging with the Boston chapter, is looking for leaders for our 2024 summer programming.

**Volunteer Leadership Opportunity:**

We are in search of leaders for our 2024 programming. All applicants must be 21 years of age and fully vaccinated by June 2024.

As a leader, you would travel with your 4 delegates to the camp destination and be responsible for your group for the duration of the program.  The leader position is a volunteer position, but training, travel, housing, and food expenses are all covered.

Staff help run the camp locally, working with the leaders and youth, but do not have their own delegation of youth and would not travel.  Serving as staff is also a volunteer position, but comes with a stipend.

The leaders, staff, and delegates all stay at the camp (often a school) for the duration of the program, though there are typically a couple of excursions and a community service project.  For the leaders and staff, it is an opportunity to get international management and leadership experience, meet other young people (adults and teens) from chapters across the country or from abroad, and to develop friendships that can last a lifetime.

More information about serving as a leader may be found on our website here:

<https://springfield.cisvusa.org/programs/leader-info/>

You may learn more about CISV at the international, national, and local levels here:

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**2024 Programs:**

**Village:** (11 year olds)

**Village - Norway - 6/28-7/20**

**Youth Meeting:**  (12 and 13 year olds)

**Youth Meeting - Sweden - 7/7-7/21**

**Step-up:** (15 year olds)

**Step-up 15 - Norway - 6/28-7/20**

***\*\*After successful completion of the program, you will be provided with a letter of recommendation/reference for use in your future educational/professional endeavors.\*\****

**How to Apply:**

* **Link to application form:** Staff and Leader applicants should use the [usual application](https://tinyurl.com/cisv-staff-leader-application). In section 1 you only need position and year. <https://tinyurl.com/cisv-staff-leader-application>
* **Link to reference form:**  [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H1wtYfUPWrE8LaJAr3r-veI4tvb0LAux/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102589602665498102743&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H1wtYfUPWrE8LaJAr3r-veI4tvb0LAux/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102589602665498102743&rtpof=true&sd=true%20)
* All Staff and Leader applicants require 2 references.  At least one of your references should speak to your leadership skills and ability to collaborate.

Submit application and all references to **cisvgreaterspringfield@gmail.com**

**\*\*Preference will be given to applications received before January 15th, 2024.\*\***

For questions or to speak with past leaders & staff, please contact Candice Healy – chealy22@comcast.net or 413-478-5004.

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