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**Camp America**

*1. Where did you go?*

I found my work through **Camp America**. I worked on Camp Winadu, Just outside Pittsfield, **Massachusetts**. I then went travelling in New York, California, Arizona and Nevada.

*2. What did you do?*

My primary role involved **sailing instructing**, life guarding and Canoeing/Kayaking Instructor. Outside of this **I looked after a group of 8 6-7 year olds**, which included making sure they ate, slept, got changed and had fun.

*3. What was the highlight of the trip?*

The highlight of my trip was **meeting great people from all corners of the world who i intend on visiting in the coming years**.

*4. What do you feel you learnt from this experience?*

I feel that my **confidence to be able to travel and take on work outside of my comfort zone independently was significantly improved**. I also learnt valuable life lessons and **techniques for working with children**.

*5. How did the experience helped enhance your employability?*

The experience has boosted my employability because it **exposed me to further challenges that require leadership, time and personnel organisation management skills** and tested both my mental and physical limits in a work environment.

*6. Any downsides?*

Working away from home definitely exposes some downsides, including the fact that **pay is often far lower than if you stay in the UK**, although it was not a problem for me many co-workers struggled with home-sickness and many people struggled to maintain the motivation to continue **challenging work without sufficient downtime** as you would get at home.