

# Project Extreme

## Summer Staff Application

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Thank you for contacting Project Extreme and for your interest in assisting our community's teens.

Project Extreme assists Jewish youth in overcoming the many obstacles facing today's adolescents. Innovative solutions and comprehensive social support systems have been designed and are in place to assist teens in their unique situations. Through introductions to positive and non-judgmental role models, teens realize their potential, and ultimately blossom into productive members of society.

Project Extreme's programs include an Information & Referral helpline, Shabbatons, Yom Tov Programs, Evening Events, Camp Extreme Boys, Camp Extreme Girls, and Miryam's House. Each Project Extreme program is unique in that it is supervised by a Program Director, a mental health professional, and one staff member per participant. To date, PE has served over 1,000 youth and families and has trained hundreds of counselors and professionals.

Project Extreme hires summer staffs that are able to work for the full duration of a program. Camp Extreme Boys 2017 will be held July 4-July 24 in the Canadian Rockies. Camp Extreme Girls 2017 will be in session August 2-August 22 in the Canadian Rockies.

A mandatory on site staff orientation and training will be held for Boys: June 27-July 3, 2017 and for girls Division July 27-July 31, 2017, prior to Camp Extreme. **All staff members must attend the entire training session.** Additional staff travel days may be required pre-training and post camp.

Project Extreme welcomes all staff applications. Please keep in mind that we receive more applications than positions available. Each application will be reviewed and considered and an in person interview is required. (Interviews via SKYPE are not ideal but can be arranged on a case by case basis.) We will be choosing our staff based on their qualifications and suitability for Project Extreme.

By answering the questions on the staff application, you will assist in our decision making. We encourage you to respond honestly and to answer all of the questions on this form. Please call contact Ayalah Lebowicz (516-612-3922 ex.110) for any assistance needed in filling out the application.

Project Extreme seeks staff members with the following characteristics:

Team player

Hard worker

Teachable and willing to learn the Project Extreme methodologies

Willing to take initiative and think creatively

Strong interpersonal and social skills

Happy and positive person to be with

Commitment to torah, mitzvos, and halacha observance

Post Bais Medresh/ Seminary

Age 21 + preferred

Experience with adolescents a plus  
Background in social service or health fields a plus  
Valid driver's license a plus

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Are staff members required to pay travel expenses?** All expenses are paid for staff members, including airfare, lodging, meals, and activities.

**How does the program travel?** Project Extreme owns three vehicles and rents additional vehicles as needed. Licensed staff members will be asked to drive based on their experience and comfort.

**I have a prior obligation during a camp session. Can I return home for a few days during a program?** At a maximum, Project Extreme programs run for four weeks. In order to create an atmosphere of stability for our participants, all staff members must be available for the full duration of the program (including training).

**Do I need prior experience with youth at risk?** We do not require prior experience working with youth at risk. Staff members are required to be loving, non judgmental and caring individuals. All staff members are required to attend pre-program training and will learn basic skills for working with adolescents. A licensed social worker, head counselor, and program director will be available to help and guide all staff throughout each program.

**I will be unable to attend the summer session. Can I still apply to assist on other programs?** Project Extreme strongly encourages a multi program involvement. Teens greatly benefit from consistency amongst staff members. An application will still be considered if a commitment can be made to attend several programs in a program year.

**How long do I need to commit to Project Extreme?** All staff members are asked to keep in touch with an assigned participant. The extent of follow up is specific to the participant. Follow up assignments will be distributed based on the staff member's commitment of time.

**Do staff members need a background in Extreme Sports?** All activities are led by licensed and trained third party instructors. Staff members will not be responsible for leading activities such as horseback riding, ropes courses, white water rafting, etc. However, all staff members are required to participate in all activities and be enthusiastic towards trying new things.

**What is the responsibility of a Project Extreme staff member?** Each staff member will have several responsibilities during each program based on their expertise and experience. Responsibilities may include being a bunk counselor, food preparation, overseeing supplies, running learning groups, and more. Responsibilities are explained and assigned during staff training.

**How many staff members will be accepted to a program?** Project Extreme always maintains a ratio of 1 staff member to 1 camper. Up to 20 positions may be available per program, although priority is given to past staff members.

**Do staff members receive compensation for their time?** All expenses are paid for staff members, including airfare, lodging, meals, and activities. The Project Extreme staff receives an educational, leadership, and therapeutic training that will serve as a professional asset. The most significant accomplishment will be the contribution you make to improve the lives of our community's teens. Financial stipends are available on a program by program basis.

**Will I have access to WIFI and cell service in camp?** Staff and participants will have access to pay phones weekly. Due to the strict supervision that our participants need, cell phones have been found to be a distraction and are therefore not permitted on summer programs.

**Is there a staff dress code?** Our staff dress code is according to halacha. Men are required to wear a yarmulke and tzizis. Women are required to wear skirts/dresses that cover the knee, shirts that cover the collarbone and sleeves that cover the elbow.