UF Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research Undergraduate (WST 4940) and Graduate (WST 6946) Internship

Gainesville Girls Rock Camp

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Overview & Mission: Gainesville Girls Rock Camp is a 501(c)3 certified non-profit organization that uses music education and performance as a platform to encourage self-esteem, self-expression, and community for girls and gender expansive youth.

Ordinarily, GGRC primarily functions as a week-long summer day camp that accepts regional kids aged 10-17 years old. During 1 week, campers are taught to play an instrument and are placed into bands. With the encouragement of their camp counselors, each band writes a song which they ultimately perform at a live music venue downtown at a public showcase following camp for their friends and families.

Throughout the week, the campers also attend workshops aimed at enhancing their self-esteem such as self-defense, poetry & lyric workshops, dance classes, art therapy, women's history workshops, and guided group discussions about boundaries & consent. As campers gain fluency on their instruments over the week, open mics and jam sessions break out during downtime.

Volunteers encourage a playful and respectful non-violent atmosphere that facilitates friendship and supportive, positive camp culture. Gainesville Girls Rock Camp is entirely run by local women-identified and non-binary volunteers, many of whom are musicians themselves and perform in local bands. To keep the camp population diverse, organizers strive to keep camp fees low and offer both full and partial scholarships, as well as free lunch and snacks each day of camp. GGRC is able to cover the costs of camp through community outreach throughout the year which includes musical benefits, film screenings, and tabling, among other forms of outreach

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Gainesville Girls Rock Camp is re-thinking how to create a nurturing, educational, and empowering environment. All classes will be available as short, tutorial-style videos, workshops will be curated and given in a Zoom format, and the end-of-week camp celebration will culminate in an "Open Mic Night" where campers will get a chance to perform (privately) in front of their peers.

GGRC is taking this opportunity to broaden our reach not just to our immediate community, but also to folks outside of our immediate circles.

Schedule Requirements: To be determined

Interns should:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have skill with Microsoft Office: Word, Excel
- Have good oral and written communication
- Be able to time-manage and complete projects within a reasonable timeframe Employ critical

thinking, active listening, and conflict-resolution

• Have a social justice-oriented cultural competency

What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women's/Gender studies? We are searching for two to three interns to support promotional efforts, tech support, administration skills for our organization, and to assist in the coordination of camp activities. The interns will assist in the support of coordinating video releases, scheduling lessons (if needed), communicating with workshop leaders, parents and volunteers leading up to camp. Promoting camp to new volunteers and families, and assisting camp directors as they plan and manage curriculum. The interns will gain administrative and social media management experience, have opportunities to develop the essential leadership skills employers and graduate schools are seeking out, and learn skills in fundraising, event planning, and youth program coordination. Interns will be supervised by Jennifer Vito, and Coral Smith. Interns must maintain relationships with: volunteers, staff, campers, parents of campers, and collaborating community organizations.

Job Duties:

- Help coordinate activities designed to create or maintain a positive image for the organization
- Assist with "Virtual Tuition" Donation Fundraiser
- Write effective and interesting press releases, social media posts, email blasts
- Work collaboratively and independently to achieve goals with camp directors
 Participate in camp as a volunteer staff member

Beneficial Skills:

- Organizational and detail-oriented skills
- The ability to use independent judgment and self-starting projects
- The ability to work collaboratively to achieve goals
- Maintains relationship with co-directors, volunteers, staff, campers, parents of campers, collaborating community organizations

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