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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Madam President, summer day camps often provide fun and enriching experiences for both campers and staff. Working at a summer day camp can be incredibly rewarding, offering the opportunity to make a positive impact on children's lives, build lasting friendships with colleagues, and have a lot of fun in the process.

Madam President, the Government of Bermuda's, annual Summer Day Camp Programme, now in its 53rd year, is seeking enthusiastic, fun-filled, and hardworking individuals for various positions. With around 180 positions available, the programme hosts hundreds of young people across multiple camp locations from east to west.

For individuals passionate about working with children and seeking practical experience in this field, this opportunity with Bermuda's Summer Day Camp Programme provides a valuable platform for personal and professional growth.

Positions available include:

- Supervisors
- Assistant Supervisors
- Counsellors
- Specialists in areas such as Art, Dance, and Sport.
- Para-educators to work with students with exceptionalities.

This employment opportunity is particularly beneficial for those studying or interested in the field of Education. Many young people pursue studies in Education intending to become teachers, and this programme offers hands-on experience that complements their academic pursuits.

The department would like to inform **Madam President** that applicants must be in their 18th year and above to apply for positions within the Summer Day Camp Programme. Additionally, candidates must hold valid CPR/First Aid and SCARS Certifications.

The programme prioritizes providing opportunities for students studying in the fields of education or humanities to gain practical experience in their respective fields. Interested individuals who wish to be part of the team or want to know more about the positions available are encouraged to visit our online platform www.sdcjobs.bm and to apply. The deadline for all applications is Friday 22th March 2024.

Madame President, I understand that many parents are eagerly awaiting information about registration for their children to attend the camps. We are actively working on finalizing the logistics with the venues and will provide an update soon regarding the registration process.

This year, **Madame President,** we are also diligently working on an initiative to address the waitlist that occurs every year for our highly popular summer day camp program. We aim to assist in alleviating the stress of finding safe and affordable summer services for their children. The Department plans to expand availability at public summer camps and collaborate with private camp operators to secure additional spaces.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants in the Summer Day Camp Programme.

Thank you **Madam President**.