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TO THE SENATE

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MINISTER OF YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORT

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

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Madam President, in the 2021 National Youth Policy the Government underscored a five-year commitment “to develop and empower Bermuda’s youth”. The policy highlights the need to “develop and empower Bermuda’s youth.” The Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport, through the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation will advance these initiatives which aim to “increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities” in the following ways.

Madam President, the Government’s annual Summer Day Camp programme is now in its 52nd year. It’s a very popular programme which employs around 180 people, and hosts hundreds of young

people across a number of camp locations, from east to west. The department has started the process of recruitment for enthusiastic, fun-filled and hardworking individuals for various positions.

The positions available are;

- Supervisors
- Assistant Supervisors
- Counselors
- Specialist – Art, Dance, Sport
- Para-educators

The department wants to note **Madam President**, that the applicants must be 18 years and above to apply and have valid CPR/First Aid and SCARS Certifications. The department's Summer Day Camp Programme ensures students studying in the education or humanities have an opportunity to work in the field of their studies, so we encourage interested individuals who wish to be a part of our team to visit our online platform of www.sdcjobs.bm and apply. The deadline is Friday 17th March 2023.

Madam President, the department is very cognizant that our camps cannot meet the needs of all and are limited in space and time duration. That is why, that in Goal 4 of the National Youth Policy the aim is to, “encourage and promote entrepreneurship”. To that end the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation will host its 1st Annual Day Camp Conference on Saturday, 25th March 2023 at Bermuda College. The conference is for current and potential camp operators. This day-long interactive conference will focus on practical and hands-on facilitations to ensure attendees leave with skills and tips to enable their teams to perform to the peak of their abilities and to push the boundaries in delivering high-quality service and inclusive camps.

Madam President, the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation’s Day Camp Conference will be delivered in collaboration with the Department of Child and Family Services, the Coalition for the Protection of Children, WindReach, Tomorrow’s Voices and the Department of Health. These collaborations will ensure that the training provided is delivered by key persons who are hands-on in the industry.

There will be sessions on the following: Building positive Relationships, working with children with exceptionalities,

safeguarding children, and safety matters. Additionally, there will be a breakout session where attendees can choose between the following: Marketing your camp, Being Resourceful with Art, Out of the Box Games and Developing Youth through Sports. Each attendee will receive an electronic resource package including information from each session and a toolkit on things you need to run your camp successfully.

Madam President, as our camp operators start to prepare for the busy 2023 summer camp season, the Department want to ensure that all are adequately prepared and have the tools to run successful camps. To register for this free conference, visit our website at www.youthandsport.bm or call the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation for more information.

Lastly, **Madam President**, after the Camp Conference, the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation will host a Camp Expo on Sunday, March 26th, 2023 at The Bermuda College Gymnasium from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. If there are any parents looking for camps for their children and don't know where to start, we have a one-stop shop to ease parents' needs. The expo's purpose is to give parents of campers the opportunity to explore other camps

and summer activities for their children. Parents can visit booths to receive information about camps that specialize in Art, Dance, Sport, STEM and more.

For more information on summer employment opportunities, the Camp Conference for entrepreneurs and the Camp Expo for parents, please visit our website at www.youthandsport.bm or call 205-0855.

Thank you **Madam President**.