



Job Opening: Summer Nature Camp Educator/Counselor (ages 11-14)

Application Closes: When position is filled

Hours: Full time, weekdays. Mandatory training: June 22-26; Camp session is July 6- August 21, 2020.

Compensation: \$12-\$14/hr, commensurate with experience. Possibility for onsite housing.

We are seeking a Camp Educator/Counselor with a passion for connecting children with nature. They will work at a dynamic outdoor camp program that provides a high-quality experience for campers and strengthens their relationship with the natural world.

Camp Counselors will help develop and facilitate during hikes, lessons on ecology and natural history, outdoor crafts, swimming, and other activities. This year, we are focusing on expanding our STEM activities for ages 11-14, and this position would lead that age group and help develop and facilitate science-based lessons.

Responsibilities:

- Help develop and lead STEM focused natural history activities for ages 11-14, and lead that age group.
- Lead daily camp activities, including games, arts & crafts, teambuilding, hiking and a featured daily lesson.
- Help ensure campers have a positive camp experience through enforcing camp rules, encouraging participation in activities, and maintaining an enthusiastic attitude about the outdoors.
- Encourage campers to pay close attention to the natural world by pointing out things you notice and helping campers to learn about them.
- Resolve conflicts between campers in a caring and positive manner.
- Oversee campers when swimming at the Highlands Natural Pool to ensure they are following pool rules.
- Become familiar with the property, including the unique history and background and hiking trails.
- Help keep facilities clean and organized when needed, and monitor that outdoor spaces are hazard-free.
- When needed, communicate with families regarding camper experiences, program highlights, concerns and issues.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Previous experience as a naturalist, at outdoor camp, childcare or other education role preferred.
- Knowledge of and passion for the natural world, including local flora and fauna (native and invasive plants, bird identification, stream ecology, forest ecosystems, etc.)
- 2+ years of college coursework in a relevant field preferred.
- Must be responsible, motivated, creative, adaptable and able to communicate effectively with all ages.

Requirements:

- Valid First Aid and CPR/AED certificate, or willingness to get certified (paid training included if needed)
- Must pass a criminal background and sex offender check prior to start date.
- Must have own transportation and a valid driver's license.
- Must be able to hike 3+ miles over uneven terrain in all weather conditions.

TO APPLY: email resume and cover letter to: info@highlandsnaturefriends.org