

# Job Opening: Summer Nature Camp Educator/Naturalist

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/Naturalist with a passion for connecting children with nature, to work at our dynamic outdoor camp program, focusing on the tween/teen ages.

The Educator/Naturalist will help develop and lead lessons on ecology and natural history, hikes, nature-based crafts, swimming, and other activities. This year we are focused on expanding our STEM activities for ages 11-14, and this role is responsible for facilitating fun, engaging, science-based lessons.



## **Responsibilities:**

- Lead daily camp activities, including teambuilding games, arts & crafts, 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 an 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 & CPR/AED certificate; 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