



Discovery Day Camp

Junior Staff 2018 Job Descriptions (Volunteer)

Application Due: April 1, 2018

Camp Start Date: June 2018 to July 2018

The Nature Institute is a private non-profit conservation organization that fosters an awareness and appreciation for the natural world through preservation, restoration and education. The Nature Institute manages nearly 500 acres along the Mississippi River bluffs in Godfrey, IL. This property includes a variety of natural communities protecting a diverse population of plants and animals. Visitors can spend the day hiking to prairies, woodlands and wetlands.

In 1982, The Nature Institute held its first Discovery Day Camp at the Olin Nature Preserve in the historic Talahi Lodge. This fulfilled a dream of Aune and Jim Nelson, TNI benefactors who believed that children should learn about nature so that they would grow up knowing the importance of protecting habitat. Each year the camp has successfully grown and it remains the only nature camp of its kind in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Open from June through August, the camp is organized by grade levels from preschool through sixth grade. The camp is open to children of all backgrounds and special needs.

Environmental Education Junior Counselor Position

The Nature Institute is looking for fun, energetic junior camp counselors for the summer of 2018. Counselors will interact daily with campers, assisting senior counselors to lead hikes, crafts and ecological programs. Volunteer ages 13-17. This position is a great opportunity for students needing Honor Society, Community Service or Service Learning hours and plan on going into an education or environmental field. This job is a volunteer position. Applicants are requested to have enthusiasm, patience, desire and leadership skills necessary to assist in supervising and guiding up to 10 campers (with the assistance of the lead Counselors) throughout the days' activities in camp. Applicants should be able to assist in leading daily arts and crafts; must be self-motivating; willing to work as a team; must be willing to become certified in CPR/First Aid.

Duties will include:

- Assist with supervision and safety of campers.
- Assisting with daily programming and help in planning.
- Assist in managing children's behavior.
- Serving as positive role model.
- Willing to help in daily chores.
- Making sure everyone has FUN!

Responsible to:

Ramona Puskar, Camp Director

Applicants must commit to at least 2 weeks of camp and be available Monday through Friday 8-4 with an option of an evening program. Must have own transportation to and from camp.

For an application or more information contact:

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