



Discovery Day Camp Staff 2019 Job Description

Applicant Closing Date: When Filled
Camp Start Date: May 28, 2019 to July 26, 2019

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. In 1982, The Nature Institute held its first Discovery Day Camp at the Olin Nature Preserve in the historic Talahi Lodge. 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 age levels from ages 3 - 12. The camp is open to children of all backgrounds and special needs.

Environmental Education Counselor Position:

The Nature Institute is looking for fun, energetic camp counselors for the summer of 2019. Counselors will interact daily with campers, lead hikes, crafts and ecological programs. Counselor to camper ratio is 1:5.

Qualifications:

Persons 16 and older
Applicants must be certified CPR and First Aid. (Training Provided)
Applicants must possess enthusiasm, patience, desire and leadership skills,
Be self-motivating and be able to work as a team to supervise and guide campers and junior staff
Applicants will be required to work outside in all types of weather conditions and be on feet for long periods of time
Applicants must attend camp staff training prior to working with campers.
Have your own transportation.
Applicant selection will favor to those who are available for 7 weeks of camp and be available Monday through Friday 8-4 with one evening program.
Applicants must undergo a standard background check.
The Nature Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Starting pay is \$8.25 hour, based on experience and background

Experience:

Teaching experience, in any capacity, preferred but not required. Volunteer work with children highly desirable.

General and specific responsibilities:

Environmental Education Counselors are responsible for teaching a group of approximately 10 students (3 Yrs – 12 Yrs old) for three prepared lessons every day, with some shared supervision of students between and after lessons, plus some general maintenance of the site and program. TNI emphasizes dynamic teaching methods, such as the use of ecological skits, effective props, and hands-on activities. Although sample lesson plans are provided, naturalists are encouraged to be creative and to develop their own lesson plans and activities. Must be able to instruct and implement an established creative nature/outdoor exploration program for children ages 3-12.

Duties will include:

- *Supervision and safety of campers.
- *Managing children's behavior.
- *Daily chores.
- *Carrying out daily programming and planning
- *Serving as positive role model.
- *Making sure everyone has FUN!

Growth and Development:

Counselors will report to and be evaluated by camp director.

For an application or more information contact:
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