



**Discovery Day Camp  
Junior Staff 2020 VOLUNTEER  
Job Description (Volunteer)**

Camp Start Date: May 29, 2020 to July 23, 2020

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 that are home to 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.

**Junior Staff Counselor Position:**

The Nature Institute is looking for fun, energetic junior counselors (JC) to *volunteer* for the summer of 2020. JCs will interact daily with campers, help lead hikes, crafts and ecological programs under the supervision of Environmental Education Counselors and Camp Director .

**Qualifications:**

Persons 13 and older

Applicants must possess enthusiasm, patience, desire for nature, and leadership skills,

Be self-motivated and be able to work as a team

Applicants will be required to work outside in all weather conditions and be on their 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 those who are available to commit to at least 2 weeks this summer; Monday through Friday

The Nature Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**Duties will include but are not limited to:**

\*Assist with supervision and safety of campers

\*Help complete daily chores

\*Assist with daily programming

\*Assist in daily planning

\*Serve as a positive role model

\*Ensure everyone has FUN!

**Growth and Development:**

Junior Counselors will report to and be evaluated by camp director and environmental education counselors.

JCs will receive a volunteer hours certificate at the end of the summer.

For an application or more information contact:

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