

Venture Out!

Nature Day Camp Counselor

The Chippewa Nature Center, a non-profit educational organization, has openings for Day Camp Counselors for the 2012 season! The Center's 1,200-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds, wetlands, and rivers. Facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center Store; a Historic Farm complex (schoolhouse, cabin, sugarhouse); a Nature Preschool Building, a Nature Study Building (day camp headquarters), an Arboretum, and 14 miles of nature trails.

Nature Day Camp is designed to connect campers to nature through fun, educational experiences. The program involves a variety of activities in the areas of field ecology, historic farm life, sensory awareness, wildlife studies, outdoor skills, and nature crafts. Canoeing, kayaking, and overnight camping trips are also included for some programs. Campers attend programs from 9:30am until 3:30pm each day.

Major Responsibilities

Counselors teach, guide, and supervise day campers age 3 to 17, including children with special needs. Within a provided framework, counselors are expected to plan fun and dynamic daily natural and cultural history programs for a group of 10 campers. Counselors also supervise volunteer middle school and high school Counselors-in-Training.

Requirements

Preference will be given to those who have earned or are working toward a degree in biology, ecology, environmental education, outdoor recreation, or other related field and have experience working with children. Must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid chauffer's license*, and first-aid and CPR certifications*. Camping, canoeing, and kayaking skills are helpful. Life Guard certification is desirable. We are looking for enthusiastic counselors who enjoy working with children and being outside!

*Can be arranged after hire.

Employment Dates & Benefits

Paid staff training: June 4-8 and July 2-3, from 8am to 5pm. Camp sessions run June 11 through August 10, with no camp July 4-6. The starting stipend is \$320 per week with additional stipends for overnights. Staff receive a 20% discount in the Nature Center Store. Uniform shirts are provided.

Application deadline is February 17, 2012.

Interviews will be held February 25 at the Chippewa Nature Center.

Send resume & cover letter to:

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