

Nature Instructor

Job Description

General Statement of Responsibility:

Develops and operates Camp's summer nature program that allows campers to learn, have fun and experience nature. Teaches and leads daily or weekly nature based lessons and activities that point campers to God. Assists with camper supervision and other programmatic activities as often as possible.

Responsible To:

Program Director's Assistant

Specific Duties:

- Plan and implement daily or weekly instructional Nature Center times for camper groups within budget.
- Develop and maintain use & function of (including regular cleaning of) the Nature Hut and Noah's Ark Petting Zoo
- Lead nature-based hikes, talks and demonstrations, flora and fauna lessons, descriptions, etc., for campers
- Regularly clean, water, feed and fix habitat for living creatures in Noah's Ark Petting Zoo.
- Give practical assistance, support, and ideas to other summer staff, especially Summer Program Directors and counselors. Assist in camper supervision.
- Regularly assigned a week at a time to sleep in a cabin/shelter overnight as a helper to counselor (though not necessarily every week). Stay in Staff Housing on weekends
- Continue to build and upgrade the Nature Center facility, cages, and methods of exhibiting and teaching nature
- Pray daily for campers and guests
- Perform other duties as assigned (including but not limited to food service, maintenance, camper luggage round-up, program assistance, registration assistance, and office work).
- Operates (if trained and approved) camp's vehicles (tractor for wagon rides; shuttle driver). Helpful to have valid driver's license
- Obtain PA fishing license (Camp will cover the expense), enabling you to capture snakes
- Ensure every animal has a safe exit plan/home to go to prior to the end of the summer term

Job Hazards:

- Regular lifting of heavy objects
- Regular exposure to plants, pollen, leaves, animal manure/waste, animals
- Bites, kicks, harassment by animals
- Trail hazards when leading nature hikes and woodland activities
- Water hazards when leading creek hikes, pond/lake studies
- Possible bites from poisonous and non-poisonous snakes, insects, and other creatures

Qualifications for All Staff:

- A professing and active Christian faith, including regular quiet times of Scripture reading and application, prayer, worship, and fellowship
- Spiritual and emotional maturity, personal integrity and honesty
- Desire to be a Christ-like role model for campers, guests, and fellow staff, and possess a genuine love for and desire to serve others
- Willingness and flexibility to cheerfully perform tasks and duties beyond those typically assigned
- Physical stamina and ability to daily perform duties assigned
- Understanding of and support for Camp policies, mission, and summer program goals