Summer Camp 2019
Junior Counselor

General Description:
Dunes Learning Center is a residential education facility within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore that works in close partnership with the National Park Service. We provide environmental education programs to children of all ages to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature.

A Junior Counselor is a camper that has attended summer camp at Dunes Learning Center for at least 2 consecutive years and is interested in developing leadership skills by working alongside Dunes Learning Center staff, supporting other campers and engaging in the daily activities of camp. Junior Counselors should possess maturity, flexibility, and have a positive mental attitude.

We require that Junior Counselors pay tuition and attend camp during regular Dunes Discovery Camp, Mighty Acorns Nature Camp and Dunes Adventure Camp sessions. Limited scholarship funds may be available, please speak with the Education Director if you are in need of assistance.

Responsibilities:
Junior Counselors will be subject to the same code of behavior and policies as regular campers and will participate in all aspects of camp life. Under the supervision of a Cabin Leader and/or an Interpretive Naturalist they will:

- Attend an orientation meeting with the lead Dunes Learning Center staff.
- Be provided with a Dunes Learning Center hat and/or lanyard to wear to help campers and staff identify them as a Junior Counselor.
- Introduce themselves at camp orientation with the Residential Education Coordinator.
- Help us make camp a fun place to be, work with staff to develop and co-lead hikes, campfires and games.
- Help provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for campers.
- Assist with implementing outdoor movie night and ice cream social.
- Assist with leading the raising and lowering of the flag daily.
- Maintain a positive mental attitude and refrain from receiving any strikes.

Camp is a great place to develop and practice 21st century skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and contribution that are critical for success in today’s world. Dunes Learning Center takes pride in helping youth expand their leadership, social and naturalist skills as well as providing a path to become a part of our professional team after graduation.

To apply please send a letter to Erin Crofton, Education Director at ecrofton@duneslearningcenter.org stating why you would like to be a Junior Counselor, a list of the Dunes Learning Center camps you have attended and the impact camp has had on you as an individual.

For questions please contact: Erin Crofton, Education Director at 219-395-9555 or ecrofton@duneslearningcenter.org