

Position: Lead Instructor

Overview: Camp Wa-Ya is hiring for a Lead instructor to work summer 2021 (June 28th through September 3rd). The Lead Instructor will teach lessons centered around STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curriculum, in combination with indigenous practices and arts, outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship. The Lead Instructor will be expected to develop curriculum and teach lessons that achieve Wa-Ya's learning objectives related to basic mathematics, engineering, and how to use simple technologies (i.g. microscopes, compasses, etc.), specifically in how they relate to natural resource sciences. Additionally, the Lead Instructor will help campers gain an understanding of, and confidence in outdoor and creative wellness pursuits such as hiking, kayaking, rock climbing, yoga, and art projects. This position is responsible for assisting in the overall management of summer camp operations and the logistics that are necessary for the support and delivery of science & adventure-based activities. The lead instructor will also engage in a culturally integrated environment, where Wa-Ya's values of respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion are practiced. Logistical direction provided by engaged Board members. Camp is limited to 14 children between the ages of 6-13 years old, with a 7:1 student: teacher ratio.

Responsibilities:

- Teaching South Puget Sound plant identification, natural history, conservation, marine biology, geology, river systems, survival skills, orienteering, nature identification, and indigenous culture.
- Provide instruction to outdoor pursuits such as hiking, kayaking, rock climbing, survival, yoga, and art projects.
- Responsible for all necessary curriculum planning, weekly preparation, and camp clean-up. This includes directing and managing Wa-Ya instructors and interns to ensure the work is accomplished in a safe, complete, and timely manner.
- Responsible for following camp policies and procedures and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all participants at camp.
- Adhere to Wa-Ya COVID protocols, including proposal changes as state requirements evolve.
- Provide mentoring to Wa-Ya Summer interns and actively engage them in daily camp activities, logistics, and lesson delivery.
- Drive the WaYa vans (12- and 15-passenger) to teaching sites.
- Engage with parents and the executive board.

Qualifications

- First Aid/CPR certified, Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder preferred.
- Valid driver's license, clean driving record, and ability to pass a background check.
- Must be enrolled in or a graduate of a relevant college natural resource or related degree program.
- Available to work 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday and attend orientation June 23-25th.
- Demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities in developing and delivering environmental science and/or outdoor curriculum to kids.
- Familiarity with local flora and fauna; STEAM activities, and adventure related activities including, but not limited to kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, and outdoor survival.
- Passion, curiosity, patience, and reliability required.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2021

Compensation: \$17.00 per hour, 40 hours per week

Send Resume, Cover letter, and 3 References to: Wayayoutdoorschool@gmail.com