Piedmont Wildlife Center
Summer Camp Counselor

Do you love exploring the outdoors? Are you passionate about mentoring children and connecting them with nature? Piedmont Wildlife Center is currently seeking multiple seasonal full-time Summer Camp Counselors.

Overview: Piedmont Wildlife Center is a Durham-based non-profit organization inspiring people to develop a lifelong connection with nature and encourage conservation through a community-oriented approach to nature education, leadership development, and environmental science.

Position Summary: Outdoor Camp Counselors will plan and facilitate engaging activities for youth day camp programs that focus on developing deep nature connections. Counselors are responsible for safely leading groups of ten-to-twelve campers and one counselor-in-training through outdoor educational activities while monitoring the group’s needs and adapting plans to help all individuals successfully engage in programming. Whether a survival expert, environmental scientist, or outdoor recreationist, counselors should be passionate about sharing their unique outdoorsy skillset with campers, helping them develop their own connection to nature, and inspiring them to protect the natural world around them.

Land Context: Our camps operate out of Leigh Farm Park in Durham County and Blackwood Farm Park in Orange County. Both parks are remnants of 19th-century plantations, and the county parks departments have preserved multiple historic structures. It is imperative that we discuss this history with our staff and campers, amplify the stories of the indigenous and enslaved peoples who cared for the land and continue learning about and examining the parks’ legacy.
Primary Responsibilities:
➢ Create daily activity plans for your camp group and gather associated materials
➢ Facilitate outdoor camp activities focused on nature connection and environmental education
➢ Supervise camper safety and enforce activity policies, including our COVID-19 protocol
➢ Communicate with co-counselors, program coordinators, and parents about program outcomes and camper behavior
➢ Lead Counselors manage the overall flow of the day and hold a group mindset
➢ Support Counselors offer more individualized support to help engage all campers

Qualifications:
➢ Knowledge of local ecology or tracking and survival skills
➢ Experience with stories and inquiry-based teaching methods
➢ Childcare and/or education experience
➢ Leadership experience
➢ Flexible with changes in programming and scheduling
➢ Basic experience with G Suite
➢ First aid certification is required for lead counselors before the first day of work

Unique Considerations:
➢ Ability to hike at least 2 miles comfortably
➢ Excited and comfortable with playing outside in all weather conditions
➢ Comfortable exploring muddy and swampy areas

Schedule: Our summer programming runs from June 6 through August 19, 2022. Day camp counselors work 7:15 am - 3:30 pm M - F. Aftercare counselors work 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm M - F.

Pay: Support Counselors earn $10 - 12/hr based on experience
       Lead Counselors earn $12 - 14/hr based on experience

To Apply: Please email a cover letter and resume to camp@piedmontwildlifecenter.org. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

If you have questions or require more information about this position, please contact us at 919-489-0900 or camp@piedmontwildlifecenter.org.
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