Piedmont Wildlife Center
Summer Aftercare Counselor

Do you love exploring the outdoors? Are you passionate about mentoring children and connecting them with nature? Piedmont Wildlife Center is currently seeking seasonal, part-time Summer Aftercare 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. We offer year-round outdoor education programs as well as conservation-themed outreach and citizen science programs with our resident Ambassador Animals.

Position Summary: Aftercare Counselors step in at the end of a full camp day. Ideal persons for this position are able to lead a group of inter-aged children in a public park with another counselor. This position is available at our Durham, Orange, and Wake county locations. 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. Please let us know if you have perspectives or resources to share - we are always interested in getting staff involved in our journey.
Primary Responsibilities:
➢ Facilitate outdoor camp activities focused on 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

Qualifications:
➢ Knowledge of local ecology or tracking and survival skills
➢ Childcare and/or education experience
➢ Leadership experience
➢ First aid certification preferred

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

Pay: $11-$12

To Apply: Please email a cover letter and resume to camp@piedmontwildlifecenter.org with the subject line “Aftercare Counselor Application – Your Name”.

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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