

2016 Teen Camp Counselor Job Description



Silver Lake Nature Center

Overview: Silver Lake Nature Center is looking for energetic and creative individuals to teach our 2016 Teen Camp. This educator will work with the 13 to 17 year old campers. This is a nature-based camp that is both educational and fun. The camp itself will run for 3 weeks (June 27-July 1, July 18-22, and August 15-19). This position would be Monday through Friday, from 9 am until 5 pm (the camp day runs from 10 am until 4 pm, with an additional hour of prep before, and an hour cleanup after the camp day), and some additional pre-camp preparation time. This person would have the opportunity to be more involved with the center's other kayak programs, summer camps, education programs, and watershed monitoring if interested.

Qualifications:

- ✓ At least 2 years of College
 - ✓ Boat & Water Safety Certification (or ability to obtain prior to the start of camp)
 - ✓ Lifeguard certification (or ability to obtain prior to the start of camp)
 - ✓ Kayaking experience (intermediate level or above)
 - ✓ Ability to pass SLNC kayak ability standards
 - ✓ Background in environmental science and/or education preferable
 - ✓ Ability to work well with others
 - ✓ Experience working with teens
- ✓ Ability to sustain high energy levels and positive attitude throughout the camp
 - ✓ Passion for the mission of Silver Lake Nature Center (SLNC) which is to inspire connections with nature for people of all ages, interests, and abilities through education, recreation, preservation, research, and advocacy

Duties and Responsibilities:

- ✓ Implement lesson plans for the 13-17 yr old age group
- ✓ Oversee and participate in environmental education programs for teens
- ✓ Plan and lead kayaking excursions daily
- ✓ Supervise Counselors-In-Training (CIT's) assigned to your group
- ✓ Lead interpretative nature hikes on our trails
- ✓ Lead cooperative games and sports, various arts and crafts activities, and outdoor survival skills
- ✓ Be prompt with shift times, which are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

Remuneration for position: \$11 per hour (during 3 weeks of teen camp)

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand, walk, talk and hear. The employee is frequently required to use hands and fingers to handle and feel objects; reach with hands and arms; and stoop, kneel, or crouch. The employee is occasionally required to sit. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 60 pounds. The employee must be able to walk on rough surfaces outside in varying weather. Vision abilities required by this job include near and distance vision.

Work Environment: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. Background checks will be required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

If interested, please send resume and application to Jenn Bilger: jbilger@buckscounty.org or fax to 215.785.3228.