Summer Science Camp Counselor

DEFINITION:

Under direction from the Education Coordinator, the Summer Camp Counselors are responsible for planning, leading, and implementing Parklands Summer Science Camp programs for children ages 5-12 in a small group setting. They are also responsible for the general safety and development, growth, and skill achievement of the participants in his/her group. The incumbent will provide high-quality outdoor educational and recreational experiences for participants that focus on The Parklands core values of safe, fun, clean, and beautiful. This position works both independently and as a team within The Parklands and ensures that summer camp participants have a safe, interesting, informative and enjoyable experience while in the Park. The position works early mornings and in all types of weather. This is an hourly, full-time summer seasonal position that begins May 28, 2018 and ends August 10, 2018.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Summer Science Camp Counselor position is distinguished from other positions in that it provides direct support for Parklands Summer Science Camp program participants, including children and parents. Summer Camp counselors will be able to provide high-quality education programming in a manner that considers safety at every turn.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

- Help write and implement a daily and weekly schedule for your camp group.
- Organize and lead a variety of small and large group activities each week. Activities may include crafts, games, hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, creek activities, and fishing.
- Ensure camp participants have a fun, educational and engaging experience.
- Identify and respond to camper behavior issues.
- Ensure that The Parklands classrooms and facilities are kept clean, organized, and free of trash.
- Communicate with parents about participant’s experiences, and report concerns to Camp Leadership.
- Assist in maintaining accurate program records including incident reports and daily attendance.
- Know and understand ALL emergency procedures associated with the camp program.
- Know, enforce, and follow all safety guidelines associated with the camp and all program areas. This includes but is not limited to being responsible for your campers’ safety and their whereabouts at all times.
- Help Camp Volunteers to have a deeper understanding of camp programming and safety measures.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Upon hire, completion of Parklands provided First Aid and CPR certification.
- Upon hire, completion of Parklands youth protection training
- Experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or in a related field.
- Ability to lead, plan, organize, and implement program activities.
Ability to work as a member of a team and the ability to accomplish tasks with little direct supervision.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to work with volunteers.
- Basic knowledge of Kentucky flora & fauna and an understanding of Kentucky cultural history.
- Previous teaching experience, or experience with summer camps, highly desirable.
- Must pass a criminal background check.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Work independently in varied weather conditions.
- Individuals must be physically capable of operating vehicles safely, possess a valid driver’s license and have an acceptable driving record.
- Must be able to lift 40 pounds and move easily in an outdoor setting with regular work in outdoor conditions without environmental controls.
- Some positions will require the performance of other essential and marginal functions depending on work location, assignment or shift.
- Ability to satisfactorily complete First Aid/CPR training.
- Ability to adhere to a Uniform Policy.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Applicants must be 18 to apply. Passion for the outdoors and ability to communicate effectively required. Coursework in natural sciences, teaching, or cultural history preferred. Experience with children’s camps or working with youth preferred.

BENEFITS:

This is an hourly, full-time summer seasonal position that begins May 28, 2018 and ends August 10, 2018.

LOCATION:

This position will be based out of Beckley Creek Park, 20 minutes east of downtown Louisville near Middletown. Duties also require work outdoors and in other park facilities within The Parklands system.

APPLY:

To apply, send your resume, cover letter (including expected salary), and three references to Summer Camp Counselor Search, The Parklands of Floyds Fork, 471 West Main Street, Suite 202, Louisville, KY 40202, or e-mail to areeves@21cparks.org. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

ABOUT THE PARKLANDS:

The Parklands of Floyds Fork is a systemic, world-class addition to Louisville’s park system that includes four major parks linked by a park drive, a first-rate urban trail system, and a remarkable water trail, all tracing Floyds Fork, a classic Kentucky stream. 21st Century Parks, a 501(c) 3 established in 2004, is responsible for fundraising; land acquisition, construction, operations, and maintenance of the new parks system. This public/private project is unique in the region and unlike anything currently in...
development across the country—truly a city—shaping model. This is the largest fully funded non-profit park system in the nation. Learn more at www.theparklands.org.