



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### Summer Nature Camp Counselors

Supervised by: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Naturalist Educator

#### **Position Description:**

Summer Nature Camp Counselors will get to work outside and be members of the Education Department at the Frick Environmental Center. Every summer we serve hundreds of children from our community by providing them with positive recreation and education experiences outdoors in their city parks. Counselors will have the opportunity to join our team of dedicated educators as we take steps in our commitment to equity. We value the diversity of people (race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion) that make Pittsburgh beautiful and do our best to reach people from different walks of life, both in who we serve and who we hire. We provide training necessary to excel at your job if you have a can-do spirit and positive attitude. Counselors will have the opportunity to teach and supervise children ages pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Summer Nature Camps. They will work with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy staff as they plan for, prepare, and teach hands-on outdoor nature camps.

#### Camps include:

- Kinder Nature Camp (*ages 3 – 5*)
- Animal Adventures (*1<sup>st</sup> grade*)
- Have to Have a Habitat (*2<sup>nd</sup> grade*)
- Nature Investigators (*3<sup>rd</sup> grade*)
- Kids in the Woods (*4<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- Outdoor Expeditions (*5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade*)
- Survival Camp (*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade*)

#### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- Work in teams to design and organize camp lessons
- Organize and prepare camp materials
- Set-up and take down outdoor classroom sites in the park
- Manage groups of 10-15 children throughout camp, including morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times
- Teach and facilitate daily lessons, activities, nature walks, and outdoor stewardship projects

- Lead and participate in camp activities such as hiking, team building activities, building campfires, physical games, and crafts
- Complete outdoor stewardship and maintenance projects as needed
- Supervise teenage volunteers who assist with Kinder Nature Camp

**Knowledge, Skills and Experience:**

- At least one year of undergraduate study or relevant work experience is required
- Enjoy spending time with children of a variety of ages
- A strong interest in nature
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions
- Work well independently as well as in group context
- Strength to lift at least 30 pounds.
- Act 33/34 clearances required (can be obtained after accepting position)
- Pass a fingerprinting background check
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- Previous experience working with children in a school, camp, or similar setting is preferred

**Dates and Availability:**

- Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> , 2019
- Mondays through Fridays from 8:00AM to 4:00PM
- Occasional evenings and weekends

Compensation: \$10.10/hr.

To apply, please submit a *resume*, *cover letter*, and *3 professional references* to Patricia Himes:

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