

Job Title: Nature Specialist

Reports to: Program Coordinator for Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

Department: Outdoor Ministries

Salary: \$2000 stipend

Housing: Included

Dates of Contract: June 20-August 25, 2024

Position Purpose:

Create and document Nature programs that are fun, enhance appreciation of Creation, stimulate a passion for environmental justice and are designed to be age appropriate. Care for any animals living at camp as part of the nature program. Potential to serve as an overnight cabin counselor. Provide program support for night activities as scheduled.

Essential Job Functions:

1. Develop and deliver nature programs that are appropriate for the age and ability of the campers
 - ◆ Write lesson plans that meet camp outcomes and the abilities of the campers.
 - ◆ Evaluate the abilities of campers and staff.
 - ◆ Design and deliver nature activities that make use of different art mediums, make use of the camp's natural environment, and use the resources most efficiently.
 - ◆ Evaluate the success of the nature program.
2. Ensure that camp staff and campers know and follow safety and educational procedures
 - ◆ Assist in the implementation of staff training for nature programs.
 - ◆ Train other staff in their responsibilities at the Nature Hut.
 - ◆ Ensure campers and staff follow safety procedures.
 - ◆ Assist Deans and Counselors with requests.
3. Assist in the management and care of the physical facilities and equipment in the nature program area
 - ◆ Maintain the nature equipment, including the Nature Hut
 - ◆ Maintain any animals living at Camp as part of the nature program.
 - ◆ Ensure the security of the nature equipment and supplies, including clear inventory and planning for replacement of supplies in a timely manner.
 - ◆ Conduct a daily check of the area and equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair.
 - ◆ Clean Nature Hut, keeping it free of hazards and debris.

Other Job Duties:

- ◆ Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning and leading those as assigned.
- ◆ Participate as a member of the camp staff team to deliver and supervise evening programs, special events, overnights, and other all-camp activities and camp functions.

- ◆ Assist in the planning of any special events.
- ◆ Other duties as assigned.

Relationships:

The Nature Specialist works closely with the Program Coordinator and the volunteer Deans to deliver Nature programs to campers. The Nature Specialist works with the Program Staff to support the summer program. The Nature Specialist will work with the Garden Specialist to help with composting, weeding, and harvesting.

Equipment Used:

- ◆ garden chemicals, animal care supplies.
- ◆ Housekeeping equipment, including but not limited to cleaning chemicals, mops, brooms, vacuums, steam cleaners, washing machines, and dryers

Qualifications:

- ◆ Age 18 or older.
- ◆ Experience leading programs and activities with young people.
- ◆ First Aid/CPR certification, or ability to obtain.

Physical Aspects of the Job:

- ◆ Ability to work for long periods of time without sitting.
- ◆ Ability to work outside in variable weather conditions.
- ◆ Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- ◆ Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- ◆ Ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.