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Adventure Trip Leader

The Chippewa Nature Center, a non-profit educational organization, has openings for Adventure Trip Leaders for the 2012 season! The Center's 1,200-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds, wetlands, and rivers. Facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center Store; a Historic Farm complex (schoolhouse, cabin, sugarhouse), a Nature Preschool, a Nature Study Building (day camp headquarters), an Arboretum, and 14 miles of nature trails.

Nature Day Camp is designed to connect campers ages 3 to 17 to the natural environment through fun, educational experiences. On-site programs lead by counselors involve a variety of activities in the areas of natural and cultural history. Adventure Trip Leaders, guide campers ages 10-17 through off-site Adventure Trips where they canoe, kayak, or backpack while learning backcountry camping skills.

Major Responsibilities

Adventure Trip Leaders will lead 5 to 9-day programs introducing 10-17 year olds to backpacking, canoeing, and backcountry camping. Trip Leaders are responsible for day to day programming on the trips, planning, preparing, and shopping for meals, managing camper health and safety, planning specific routes at the pre-determined trip locations, and communicating regularly with the camp director.

Requirements

Preference will be given to those who have earned or are working toward a degree in biology, ecology, environmental education, outdoor recreation, or other related field; have experience working with children; and personal or professional experience backpacking and canoeing and/or kayaking. Must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid chauffeur's license* and first-aid and CPR certifications*. Wilderness First Aid/First Responder and Life Guarding may be required upon hire. We are looking for enthusiastic staff members who enjoy working with teens and being outside!

*Can be arranged after hire.

Employment Dates & Benefits

Paid staff training: June 1-2, June 4-8, and July 2-3 from 8am to 5pm. Camp sessions run June 11 through August 10 with no camp July 4-6. Weekend trip dates are July 28-29. Starting salary is \$320 per week with additional stipends for overnight camps (\$60/night in the field). Staff receive a 20% discount in the Nature Center Store. Uniform shirts are provided.

Application deadline is February 17, 2012.

Interviews will be held February 25 at the Chippewa Nature Center.

Send resume & cover letter to:

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