

# FONTENELLE FOREST

## Seasonal Camp Counselor

**Position Type:** Seasonal, Hourly, Non-Exempt

**Salary:** \$11.00 /hour

**Benefits:** Membership privileges, casual work environment

### JOB PURPOSE

The Camp Counselor is an enthusiastic and dedicated individual who supports Fontenelle Forest's mission, vision and values. The Camp Counselor facilitates nature-based summer day camps for youth ages 6-15 years. Programs take place onsite at Fontenelle Forest's properties including, but not limited to, the Nature Center, Camp Brewster, Camp Wakonda and Neal Woods. Camp staff are the face of the Education Department and help engage youth and visitors in exploring the natural world through guided inquiry based experiential learning. This is a seasonal position working from May 26 through August 3, 2021. This position reports to the Director of Education or designee.

### PRIMARY DUTIES

- Plan and conduct summer day camp and after care activities including nature-based lessons, games and additional activities for children ages 6-15, ensuring a safe learning environment for campers and staff.
- Communicate with camp staff, Fontenelle staff, and parents/guardians to ensure a positive camp experience for all.
- Set up prior to and clean up following the camp day.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent combination of work and education experience.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Ability to manage children ages 6-15 years old both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Ability to work well as a member of a team with a diverse group of people.
- Ability to build strong working relationships with supervisor and co-workers.
- Ability to positively engage with other staff and visitors from diverse backgrounds.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Current first-aid and CPR certified, or willingness to be certified.

### Physical Demands:

- Regularly work in outdoor environments in all weather conditions.
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 40 pounds.
- Must be able to stand and traverse/ascend/descend dirt trails and walking paths for up to 2 hours at a time.
- Must be able to perform moderate physical labor, such as setting up and striking tables, chairs, program materials, and partition walls.
- Occasionally handle live, captive animals, including but not limited to snakes and turtles, (safety training provided).



**ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION:**

Fontenelle Forest's vision is to be a national leader in environmental stewardship and education and the region's premier nature center. Fontenelle Forest's Master Plan supports our mission to provide opportunities for all people to experience and enjoy the natural world while maintaining an authentic experience grounded in environmental ethics. Fontenelle Forest's natural resources support the diverse interests of our visitor populations including passive recreation/leisure, educational experiences, entertainment and active recreation.

Fontenelle Forest values its employees and is committed to maintaining a positive working environment; a culture and a value proposition that attracts and retains top, diverse talent. Beyond a personal commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we are looking for candidates with a strong commitment to integrating equity and inclusion best practices into programs and services. People who have lived experience in historically marginalized and excluded communities are especially encouraged to apply.

**To Apply:** Send cover letter, resume or description of work history / related experience, and 3 professional references to [info@fontenelleforest.org](mailto:info@fontenelleforest.org). Please reference "Seasonal Camp Counselor" in the subject line.

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