



SUMMER CAMP EXPLORER & NATURALIST COUNSELOR

Seasonal position. Reporting to the Age Group Coordinator.

Position Summary

The Explorer & Naturalist Camp Counselor is a dynamic and energetic individual responsible for planning, leading, and implementing nature-based programs and camp experiences for children in elementary or middle school, depending on the week.

Availability

Position is Seasonal. Explorer & Naturalist Counselors must be available 8:30am-4:15pm, Monday-Friday from June 17 thru August 16, 2018 (Except July 4-5). Explorer & Naturalists Counselors must also be available for on-site overnights on Thursday, July 11, August 1 and August 8.

Compensation

\$11.00 - \$13.00/hour, commensurate with experience.

Duties/Responsibilities

- Share Tyler's rich heritage, collections and landscape to inspire and engage stewards of the natural world
- Create a community environment to help youth gain a sense of belonging
- Plan, organize and lead a variety of activities each week. Activities include crafts, nature, songs, games, trips, etc.
- Lead Explorer (elementary school) camps for five weeks of the summer
- Lead Naturalists (middle school) camps for three weeks, including an on-site overnight each week and day field trips.
- Follow all policies and procedures for maintaining supervision of campers at all times
- Know and understand all emergency procedures associated with the camp program
- Identify and respond positively to camper behavior issues
- Set the "spirit" of camp by exhibiting passion about nature, camp and community
- Report to work on time, dressed appropriately, and ready for camp
- Other duties as assigned

Essential Requirements

- Excellent character, integrity and adaptability
- Ability to teach and lead various recreational and environmental activities
- Ability to communicate and work with children ages 11-13 (grades 6-8)
- The desire and ability to work in a cooperative, team-oriented atmosphere
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience and self-control
- Willing and able to participate in all camp activities with campers, which includes, but are not limited to, hiking, canoeing, tubing, biking, kayaking, team building initiatives, physical games, and activities
- First aid and CPR certification, or willingness to be certified
- Must be at least 21 years of age

- Satisfactory completion of the required background checks, including PA Child abuse clearances
(Note: Tyler has the right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.)

Work Environment

- General work on the Arboretum's grounds.
- Requires frequent and prolonged standing, walking, bending, kneeling, pulling, twisting and climbing.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to work and sleep outdoors in all weather conditions.

About Tyler

Tyler Arboretum, a public garden in the Philadelphia suburbs, covers 650 acres of renowned plant collections, champion trees, and historic buildings, with 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Tyler offers workshops, classes, and tours for adults and children throughout the year.

To Apply

Please complete the Summer Camp Application and e-mail along with your résumé or work history to Liz Hornbach, Camp Director/Youth Programs Manager at lhornbach@tylerarboretum.org. Applications will be accepted with a rolling deadline until position is filled.

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