

OUTDOOR / NATURE / WILDERNESS INSTRUCTOR

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Must possess current first aid and CPR certification.
- Must have a knowledge of nature and a love for the outdoors.
- Must have a love for children and a desire to work in a camp setting.
- Must be creative and possess ability to inspire campers and instill in them a respect for nature.

RESPONSIBLE TO ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR

CAMP GOALS

- To bring campers closer to Christ through His creation and to teach new and interesting information which will help campers to enjoy and appreciate nature.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Provide campers with accurate information about nature and natural phenomenon.
- Create an awareness of how the natural world operates
- Instill in campers a healthy respect for nature and the outdoors.
- Ensure camper safety during each outdoor activity

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

1. Ensure the safety of all campers involved in the outdoor education program.
2. Instruct campers in the various areas of natural subjects.
3. Teach campers environmental conservation and how to protect and care for nature.
4. Instruct students on safety procedures in the case of an accident while outdoors.
5. Provide "nature nuggets" at camp council sessions and other camp programs as requested by the campfire program director.
5. Maintain all nature teaching facilities, equipment and animals in excellent condition.
6. Advise assistant camp director of any nature center needs or animal illnesses.
7. Supervise campers on outdoor treks ensuring environmental protection and safety.
8. Know emergency protocol including codes (red, yellow, blue, & green)
9. Remind campers the old adage: "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."
10. Develop appropriate quizzes, contests, activity stations and displays throughout camp to keep a nature awareness atmosphere in all camp activities.
11. Prepare written lesson plans using the AY honors curriculum in several subject areas. Teach in subject areas where local, indigenous natural examples may be found. Select from the following: amphibians, animal tracking, birds, ecology, edible wild plants, environmental conservation, ferns, flowers, fungi, geology, grasses, insects, lichens, liverworts and mosses, mammals, marine algae, moths and butterflies, reptiles, rocks and minerals, seeds, shrubs, spiders, stars, trees, and weather.
12. Take campers outdoors in nature to study the specific natural areas and to find and photograph natural specimens. Instruct campers not to pick living specimens.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Ability to get around freely in nature and impart knowledge in the various areas of nature.