



Outdoor Education Adventures Summer Camp Counselor - Seasonal Job Openings

Outdoor Education Adventures is seeking energetic, hard-working, and flexible applicants who want to be part of a team working to provide outdoor science education to children.

About Outdoor Education Adventures

Outdoor Education Adventures (OEA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit on a mission to provide equitable opportunities for positive educational experiences in nature. Based in Yamhill County, Oregon, our programs are structured to encourage curiosity, creative thinking, and exploration, aiming to increase scientific knowledge through outdoor experiences, teach about our local natural history and ecology, and inspire a love and advocacy for natural spaces. Our programs include after-school and homeschool programs, school field trips, no-school day and summer day camps, and a nature-based preschool-kindergarten program.

OEA is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, or any other characteristic protected by law. We are dedicated to ensuring that all individuals and groups can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported and valued in the process of learning about and experiencing nature.

Position Summary

The Summer Camp Counselor position is an opportunity to learn under the supervision and guidance of experienced environmental educators. In this role, the Summer Camp Counselor will be responsible for the safety, enjoyment, and education of campers ages 5-12 years. This position works as a teammate to other OEA summer camp staff and volunteers and reports directly to the Summer Camp Lead Educators and Program Directors. This is a seasonal position. Camps run from the end of June through August, 2024. Up to five, 35-hour work weeks are possible.

Camp Counselor Job Responsibilities

- Encourage and support campers to participate in discussions, activities, and/or games;
- Supervise children to ensure camp rules and safety protocols are followed;
- Engage in activities fully and demonstrate a positive and curious attitude;
- Help with set up and clean up of activities and facilities;
- Treat participants and staff with kindness and respect;
- Lead by example by being kind, inclusive, humble, patient, proud, considerate, grateful, and honest;
- Respect and preserve land, waters, wildlife, and facilities and guide campers in doing the same;
- Recognize and communicate hazards, conflicts, and inappropriate behavior by campers or staff.

Required Skills & Qualifications

- Must be at least 16 years of age;
- Self-motivated, outgoing, reliable, and punctual;
- Able to work effectively with co-workers, children, parents/caregivers, and community members;
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in teaching and community;
- Ability to be flexible and adjust quickly to changing circumstances;
- Ability to get to and from camp program sites on-time each day;
- Ability to move around outdoors on uneven ground, climb over obstacles (rocks, downed trees), and walk through shallow creeks while carrying program gear and assisting campers for hours at a time;
- Interest in child & youth development and learning about the environment.

Additional Desired Qualifications (Not Required)

- Prior experience working with youth, particularly outside;
- Knowledge of local natural history and flora and fauna;
- CPR & 1st aid certification and wilderness first aid;
- Proficiency or fluency in a language other than English.

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements

Summer camp programs take place at natural areas in Yamhill County. Programs are entirely outdoors. Work will consist of moving around the program sites on uneven terrain and walking through creeks. Camps take place in all but hazardous weather conditions (heat, rain, snow).

Work Schedule

Counselors will be expected to participate in a training day in mid June. Camp weeks run Monday-Friday. Counselor's will work 35 hours each camp week from 8:30am-3:30pm each day. Program schedule is subject to change. 2024 camp weeks are:

- June 24-28; July 8-12; July 22-26; Aug 5-9; Aug 19-23

Compensation

\$14.20 an hour (or the updated minimum wage)

To Apply

Fill out our online application <https://forms.gle/nsghehDBvTQ17KtW8> by March 31st. Applications will be accepted after this date on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.

If you are not able to complete this form online, please contact us at info@OutdoorEdAdventures.com for an alternative option.

Questions

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