



Dunes Learning Center

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Position Announcement

Position Title: Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainee (Eight Positions Available)

General Description: Dunes Learning Center (DLC) is a residential education facility within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore that works in close partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). Our mission is to help learners of all ages explore the dynamic relationship between people and their environments using the natural and cultural resources of the Indiana Dunes region. Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainees are members of the program staff at the DLC and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Junior Ranger Program. Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainees will supervise summer camp residents and NPS ParKids (day campers) while developing their outdoor education and resource interpretation skills and techniques. They will assist in the instruction of children regarding the diversity of ecosystems, plants and animals, and cultural history of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and southern Lake Michigan region.

Term of Position: Full-time 9-week position, involves significant amount of evening hours

Responsibilities:

- Supervise summer camp residents overnight in cabins on the campus of the DLC
- Assist with summer program instruction at the DLC
- Ensure safety and well-being of program participants
- Assist park rangers instructing participants in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore ParKids Day Camp Program
- Attend training workshops and regularly scheduled staff meetings

Required Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Currently enrolled or accepted in an academic program (Associate or Bachelor level) in any degree area including, but not limited to: Communication, Education, General Studies, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Biology, Parks and Recreation Management, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Studies, Resource or Heritage Interpretation, Natural Resources, Outdoor or Environmental Education, or related field
- Physically able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and hike several miles over hilly dunes terrain while carrying a 20-lb backpack
- Enthusiastic about working with children in an outdoor setting

Desired Qualifications

- Great independent worker and team player
- Prior experience in outdoor education, residential camp setting, nature centers, or day camps
- Lifesaving and water safety certification
- Ability to play a musical instrument and lead songs

Benefits: \$200.00 per week stipend, housing in cabins shared with summer camp residents on the campus of the DLC, uniforms, NPS training and certification in resource interpretation, First Aid and CPR training, meals when groups are in residence.

To Apply: Apply on line at www.duneslearningcenter.org/employment.html or send a cover letter and resume to Brian Forist, Education Director, Dunes Learning Center, 700 Howe Road, Chesterton, IN 46304; 219-395-9555, ext. 3; bforist@duneslearningcenter.org.