

THE SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION IS HIRING 2023 SEASONAL



SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK

Working under the direction of full-time Naturalists, Summer Camp Counselors assist Naturalists with environmental education programs. Responsibilities include interacting with children by assisting with activities such as paddling, crafts, swimming, hiking, water play, games, and field trips.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Coyote Kids (ages 4-6), Eco-Explorers (ages 7-9) and AWESIM KIDS (ages 10-13) summer science programs are based at Lord Stirling Park Environmental Education Center (EEC) in Basking Ridge, NJ. The programs offer several sessions throughout the summer. Sessions run daily, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-Noon for Coyote Kids, and 9:00am-4:00pm for Eco-Explorers and AWESIM KIDS. Each session is unique and promotes curiosity about the natural world through fun and immersive hands-on, place-based outdoor experiences.

The EEC is nestled within 550 acres of the western portion of the Great Swamp Basin of the Passaic River. There are nine miles of hiking trails through diverse habitats consisting of swamp, forest, pond, and meadows. This year-round Center offers hundreds of hours of educational programming and special events for participants of all ages.

DUTIES

1. Assist with preparation, set-up, delivery, and clean-up of fun and engaging environmental education lessons and recreational activities.
2. Help maintain a safe, educational, and playful environment for program participants.
3. Sanitize daily program supplies and instructional materials.
4. Work a flexible schedule, as needed.
5. Assist Naturalists as needed.
6. Present a positive image as a Park Commission representative to all facility users and the public.
7. Follow Park Commission policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS

Current enrollment in high school with an interest in education, nature, and the environment. Ability to attend a one-week mandatory training period in June and commit to working the duration of specific camp sessions with a minimum of two weeks employment and maximum employment of 9 weeks from June through August. First Aid and CPR certification will be included during training period. Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

COMPENSATION

\$14.50 per hour. Learn about the field of environmental education, nature, and outdoor programs and activities. Develop communication, planning, and leadership skills. Gain experience working with children. Cultivate resume-building qualities/components. Work alongside experienced Naturalists in a long-established summer camp environment. Provide a positive education service to local children. Contribute to the health and well-being of children within the community. Housing not provided.

TO APPLY

To apply, email cover letter and resume to EEC Supervisor, at: kbender@scparcs.org or via mail to the attention of: Kurt Bender, Supervisor

Environmental Education Center
190 Lord Stirling Rd.
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

For more information, call: 908.722.1200 Ext. 5332.

Individuals with a hearing/speech impairment may call the Relay Service @ 711

Reasonable accommodations may be made, where necessary, to allow a qualified individual to perform essential job functions.

