



SUMMER DAY CAMP NATURALIST

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Great Basin Outdoor School's (GBOS) Summer Day Camp is held at The River School Farm in Reno. Offered to children ages 6 through 12, Summer Day Camp is an opportunity for participants to have fun outdoors, interact with science, and learn to appreciate nature.

Naturalists work approximately 8:30 am to 4/5pm M-F during program as teachers, leading a group of up to 10 children. Naturalists are supported by the Day Camp Director during this time.

DATES

Training Days: June 7th – 11th, approximately 10 am – 3pm
Camp:

Week 1: June 14th – 18th

Week 2: June 21st – 25th

Week 3: June 28th – July 2nd

WEEK OFF FROM CAMP

Week 4: July 12th – 16th

Week 5: July 19th – 23rd

*Future work opportunities pending the successful completion of Summer Day Camp

QUALIFICATIONS

- Possess a bachelor's degree, preferably in the natural sciences or education.
- One year of experience teaching environmental education or science preferred.
- One year of experience working directly with children in an educational setting.
- Hold current CPR & First Aid certificate by the start date.
- Ability to pass a federal background check.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, and water, wildlife, and forest ecology, based on GBOS curriculum and state and national educational standards. Integrate other subject areas, group process and individual growth, and commitment to responsible use and protection of the environment.
- Ensure and maintain appropriate student behavior by stating clear expectations and consequences, in accordance with GBOS discipline policies.
- Coordinate and participate in whole group activities, such as sharing, skits, meals, and opening/closing circles.
- Ensure the health, welfare, and safety of students, parents, guest presenters, River School Farm inhabitants including plants & animals, volunteers, and other staff.
- Respond appropriately in a crisis and problem-solve under pressure.
- Work and communicate effectively as a team member with other naturalists & GBOS staff, parents, volunteers, guest presenters, River School Farm inhabitants and students to enhance the program and to empower students.
- Ability to use program equipment.
- Ability to communicate orally with and provide necessary instructions to students, parents, volunteers, other staff, and guest presenters.
- Ability to traverse uneven and difficult terrain.
- Ability to work long hours outdoors while being active & energetic.
- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Naturalist are exempt, at-will employees of GBOS, who report to the Day Camp Director on site. Both the Day Camp Director and naturalists are supervised by the Program Director. GBOS reserves the right to revise or change job duties as the need arises.

Naturalists are responsible for presenting hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based day camp programs in earth sciences, astronomy, and water, wildlife and forest ecology based on GBOS curriculum and state and national educational standards.

Future work opportunities: Upon successful completion of our Summer Adventure Day Camp, naturalists may be invited to work at future events and educational programs.

COMPENSATION

Stipend: \$120 per day. Training days are paid hourly at \$12/ hour (approximately five hours).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please send a cover letter, CV or resume, and the phone number & email of three professional references to our Program Director at: program@greatbasin-os.org