



Missionary Society of Connecticut
Silver Lake Conference Center

Job Description

Nature Specialist

Reports to: Resource Coordinator

General Description of Duties:

Provide Nature programs that are stimulating, enhance appreciation for the creation, and are designed to be age appropriate.

Principle Duties:

- Teaching
- Planning & Preparing
- Assisting Resource team when not doing Nature sessions w/ Conferees
- Kitchen rotation as assigned
- Take lead on care of camp animals (pets and farm animals), seeking assistance when needed
- Provide programming support for games and night activities
- Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Age 18 or older
- Excellent teaching skills
- Self motivated
- Ability to guide and inspire children to explore the environment
- Knowledge of techniques, tools & supplies used in a variety of nature activities.
- Comfortable working with and caring for animals such as chickens, rabbits, hamsters, birds, ducks, guinea hens, tortoises, chinchillas, etc.
- Broad knowledge of the environment
- Knowledge of hazards, natural and man-made, that may be encountered when exploring and learning in the outdoors.
- Basic first aid
- Utilize appropriate safety equipment, and insist that others do also.

The successful candidate will be able to:

- Schedule activities to meet a variety of Conference schedules and goals.
- Inventory and order supplies and equipment according to procedures
- Organize a variety of tasks and projects
- Adapt easily and cheerfully to sudden changes of plan
- Work well in spite of distractions.
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- Keep the Nature hut and animal cages clean and organized.
- Choose activities that are appropriate to the age and abilities of each group of Conferees.
- Encourage and inspire the young people to explore the natural world and help instill in them a sense of care, stewardship, and love of the outdoors and all it's inhabitants.
- Work in collaboration with the other Resource team to combine specialties when possible and appropriate.
- Weave faith development in, and relate Christianity to, all activities and encourage conferees to explore their faith and faith questions as an important part of what ever you are doing with them.
- Remember to pray, as needed!
- Show a sense of pride in service to the Ministry of Silver Lake Conference Center.
- Work in ways that reduce waste and respect and protect God's Creation.
- Live, work in, and encourage a Christian community.
- Inventory, pack, and carefully store supplies, and clean the Nature Hut, at the end of the season.
- Evaluate current season and make recommendations for future seasons

And will:

- Exhibit maturity
- Be an appropriate role model
- Be self motivated
- Meet deadlines
- Work in an organized manner
- Live by the Rules and Covenant, and policies of Silver Lake Conference Center and the Missionary Society of Connecticut.

Term of Service: The assignment will be defined in a written contract. It is a seasonal position to serve summer Conferences.

Compensation: Salary will be defined in a written contract, and will be based on experience.