

Seasonal Environmental Education Counselor, 2020
Seasonal position, from June- August, 2020
Temporary, Part Time Exempt

Reports To:
Education & Outreach Coordinator

Organization Description:

Crown Point Ecology Center (CPEC) is green space that matters – a biologically diverse living laboratory that serves to demonstrate practical applications of ecology. The 115-acre property in northeast Ohio (10 miles northwest of Akron, and 25 miles south of Cleveland) is a regional model for sustainable agriculture and environmental education. CPEC believes that ecological land stewardship encourages structural and social change through local food production, positive impacts on the environment, health of all citizens, and local economic development. Learn more at crownpointecology.org.

Position Summary

The Environmental Education Counselor is a seasonal position at Crown Point from June to August, 2019. Counselors will be responsible for planning and implementing daily activities for Crown Point's Summer Farm and Science Camp (SFSC). SFSC is a week-long camp for 7-11 year olds with a focus on ecology, gardening, art and all things outdoors.

Camp hours are 9:00AM-3:00PM, Monday thru Friday.
Staff hours are between 7:00AM and 5:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Successful candidates will have experience working outdoors in a camp setting with children of various ages, have a positive, enthusiastic attitude, solid work ethic and a passion for ecology, sustainability, as well as the outdoors. A background in biology and environmental studies is desired.

Job responsibilities:

- 1) Implement the Summer Farm and Science Camp curriculum and related activities.
 - a. Coordinate with other camp staff to facilitate daily camp activities, including but not limited to:
 - * Teaching lessons and activities
 - * Garden classroom activities
 - * Children's farm chores (includes cooking)
 - * Educational hikes that highlight Crown Point's various ecosystems
 - * Games, Arts & Crafts
 - * Children's Farm Market and end of camp celebration
 - b. Assist in preparing for and teaching lessons and activities related to environmental education, ecology and nutrition as specified in the camp curriculum
 - c. Modify curriculum or schedule as is necessary due to weather, children's needs etc
 - d. Lead daily garden classroom activities and communicate with Children's Garden volunteer.
 - e. Assist in supervising and managing campers at all times to ensure that the camp is safe and enjoyable for all

- 2) Perform other duties that support Summer Farm and Science Camp
 - a. Maintain a neat and orderly camp area. Set up the camp area(s) at the beginning of the day; clean up after activities and at the end of the day
 - b. Assist with preparation of Children's Garden for garden classroom

- c. Accommodate camper's varied needs when necessary, primarily food allergies
 - d. Perform other tasks as assigned.
 - e. Provide care and supervision for campers that come early or leave late in our pre-camp and after camp care program.
- 3) Articulate and model the Crown Point mission and guiding principles of community, spirituality, sustainability, and justice.
- a. Wear appropriate clothing
 - b. Model and support sustainability practices on site (recycling, composting, energy conservation)
 - c. Make information about Crown Point available for visitors

Required Minimum Qualifications

Experience

- A college degree or credits towards a degree in a related field (Education, Agriculture, Ecology, etc...)
- One to three years' experience working in a camp setting as an instructor or counselor
- Proven track record of developing and implementing curriculum and lesson plans in an outdoor setting
- Interest and knowledge in farming, organic food, ecology and environmental education
- Proficiency in all aspects gardening, including planting, weeding, watering and harvesting or experience as farm intern at Crown Point

Skills

- Able to teach multi-age groups of children
- Effective time management
- Detail oriented with the ability to adapt on-the-go
- A Valid Driver's License
- Clear verbal and written communication skills

Working Conditions/Physical Requirements

- Flexible with changing weather conditions and alternative activity plans
- Ability to hike several miles, stoop, bend, lift at least 25 pounds and push/pull equipment
- Comfortable with the risk associated with outdoor activities
- Open to fingerprinting and criminal background check according to Crown Point policies

To apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume and three references to:

Executive Director

Crown Point Ecology Center

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Bath, OH 44210

330-668-8992

Or email:

carolyn@crownpointecology.org or terri@crownpointecology.org

Deadline for applications 4/20/2020

Schedule 2020 Season

Week 1 June 8-12 On-site prep week-no children

Week 2 June 15-19 First camp with children

Week 3 June 22-26

Week 4 June 29-July 4 Off Week

Week 5 July 6-10

Week 6 July 13-17

Week 7 July 20-24

Week 8 July 27-31

Week 9 August 3-7 Last camp with children

Week 10 August 10-14 Wrap up and Clean-up