



## **Summer Outdoor Educators/Leaders (2 positions)**

Camp Schuylkill's 10–12 year old program is an environmentally focused adventure camp for pre-teens. Week-long programs are designed to challenge campers emotionally, physically, and socially in a safe and supportive environment. We are seeking highly motivated, energetic leaders to plan and facilitate adventure-based outdoor activities for students between the ages 10–12 that align with a weekly theme. Leaders should be comfortable creating a community atmosphere that encourages students to step outside of their comfort zones.

In this camp, the first day is spent on the Schuylkill Center campus in a day camp setting: exploring the forests, ponds, and streams on-site while keeping focus on the overall theme of the week. The next three days are spent doing day trips throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. Day trips align with weekly themes and include: rock climbing, ziplining, visiting local cultural institutions, canoeing, hiking, and more. Five of the nine camp weeks include one night spent camping at the Schuylkill Center.

Educators in this position are **required** to commit to all nine weeks of camp plus seven training days. Educators will work 8:30 am–4:30 pm most days with the exception being the five overnights at the Schuylkill Center.

**Duties include:** Leading team-building activities, supervising outdoor recreation activities, keeping participants engaged and focused, planning portions of the trips, maintaining camping equipment and specialized outdoor education equipment (on overnight weeks), leading or assisting hikes, cooking meals and cleaning up campsites (on overnight weeks), participating in outdoor adventure activities such as biking, canoeing, swimming, and climbing, and photographing the students engaging in their camp experience. Seven days of paid training will be provided.

### **Qualifications:**

#### *Required*

- Applicants must be 20 years or older
- Comfortable in the outdoors
- Demonstrated ability to be a positive role model for participants
- Experience camping, cooking meals, and planning camping trips
- Experience working with children; capable of supervising pre-teens on day and overnight trips
- Strong communications skills and confidence in leading groups
- Ability to be flexible and maintain a positive attitude throughout camp
- Have a valid driver's license and be able to drive a 10-passenger van (training provided)

*Helpful but not required*

- A familiarity with outdoor recreation and natural sciences
- An understanding of how to best support children with special needs and/or varying abilities
- Associate or Bachelor's Degree or major in Environmental Science, Education, Early Childhood Education, Biology, Botany, Horticulture, Agriculture, Outdoor Leadership, or related field

**Background Clearances:** If hired, employees are responsible for providing a valid Pennsylvania child abuse clearance, state criminal background check, FBI criminal background check, Mandated Reporter training, and other background checks that the Schuylkill Center requires based on the applicant's state residency. First Aid/CPR training will be provided to applicants who don't currently have it. **Additionally, as of September 2021, all hires are required to provide proof of vaccination.**

**Dates of Employment:** Position begins on June 8, 2023 and ends on August 18, 2023. (June 8-9 and June 12-16 are mandatory training dates.) Camp will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

**Compensation:** \$7000 for the 10.2-week period, paid biweekly

**To apply:** Please send a letter of interest and resume to Justine O'Gara, Manager of Camp Programs, at [justine@schuylkillcenter.org](mailto:justine@schuylkillcenter.org) or Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.

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