



NATURE SPECIALIST

Position Title: Nature Specialist
Supervisor: Director of Camp 365
Department: Camp

Camp JCC Summary:

Our exceptional summer day camp is a place thousands of campers have called home for over 50 years. We are located on a picturesque 55-acre campus in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. With sprawling sports fields, swimming pool complete with water slides, high and low ropes course, nature and hiking trails, art, music, and nature programming, there is something for every camper. Our camp is open and welcoming to the entire community.

Mission Statement:

At camp, we aim for each of our campers to stand a little taller by the end of the summer. Self-esteem and confidence are a vital part of a child's growth and success in the world. We provide an atmosphere for exploration of new and challenging activities with an encouraging and supportive staff guiding the way for achievement. Our Jewish values, which are infused in everyday life at camp, teach campers the importance of strong character, integrity, sportsmanship, team work, conflict resolution, leadership, understanding diversity and caring about the world around them. We want to ensure, that in the best way, the child who we greet on the first day of camp is not the same person that we wave goodbye to on the last day of the summer.

Position Summary:

Our summer camp is seeking an energetic, accountable Nature Specialist to provide a safe and memorable experience for our campers. The ideal candidate will be an excellent multitasker with a genuine passion for working with and empowering young people. Applicants should be patient, fun-loving and confident in their ability to motivate and assist campers in everything from learning new skills to working through homesickness. The Nature Specialist will instruct multiple classes per day, focusing on local native species, weather, astronomy, environmentalism, recycling, nature-related crafts, and plant and animal identification. Wilderness survival skills are a plus.

General Responsibilities:

- Develop and provide instruction for nature and environmental activities that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers' age and abilities, and reflect a commitment to stewardship of the natural environment.
- Develop and deliver all nature education and an environmental program that is appropriate to the age and ability of the campers and utilizes the camp's natural environment.
- Plan all lesson plans prior to the camping session.
- Complete end-of-year reports, assessments, and recommendations for future programs, staff, and camp activities.
- Conduct opening and closing inventory of all related supplies.
- Attend all mandatory camp meetings and staff training events.
- Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities.
- Perform other duties as requested or required, whether or not specifically mentioned in this job description.

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Position Competencies for Success:

- Ability to work effectively with others in all levels of the organization in a professional manner
- Positive attitude
- Commitment to the growth and development of youth
- Commitment to producing consistent, high-quality work
- Excellent judgment
- Ability to identify problems and work quickly to find solutions
- Patience, caring and creativity
- Flexibility, adaptability and ability to function as part of a team
- Desire to make a difference in the life of a child

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or higher
- Possess knowledge of native plants and animals, as well as a love of nature
- Ability to lead assistant counselors, counselors-in-training, and campers ages 4-15 in nature-themed classes and activities
- Commitment to work the full 8 weeks of camp (absences for school or other reasons are handled on a case-by-case basis by the Camp Director)
- Previous experience working with children (examples include but are not limited to babysitter, academic/athletic tutor, camp counselor, youth volunteer, classroom assistant, or teacher)
- Previous camp counselor/teaching experience (preferred)
- Ability to push/pull, lift and carry a minimum of 35lbs
- Endurance to work outside and on your feet for 6-8 hours per day
- Ability to respond to emergency situations
- Good physical condition which enables you to execute all responsibilities associated with this position