SUMMER CAMP TEACHER/NATURALIST

This summer position provides 4-5 individuals an opportunity to work with a nationally recognized environmental learning center while living in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Individuals will work primarily with children and youths in a summer camp counselor capacity, in a leadership role. The other purpose of this position is to provide individuals with professional development opportunities, as time allows, in learning cutting-edge teaching techniques for the outdoor classroom, developing curriculum, and acquiring knowledge about the ecology of Southern Appalachian wilderness through immersive hands-on learning adventures.

Responsibilities: teach interpretive nature activities for children ages 8 and up; conduct campfires and other evening programs; lead wilderness hikes; supervise campers overnight in the lodge; serve in a leadership capacity to junior staff; potentially co-lead backpack trips (*see note below); lead other activities as needed.

Qualifications: Energetic, outgoing, enthusiastic, and committed individuals. Experience and training in environmental education, ecology, and working closely with youths in outdoor educational settings. A comfort with working and teaching in an untamed wild setting (mountains, rivers, wildlife) is a must.

*We occasionally hire one or more Summer Teacher/Naturalists who in addition to the responsibilities outlined above, work intensively with youth backpack trips (one or more trips either 4 or 7 days in length). This person must have previous experience leading backpack trips, as well possess field knowledge in group management and backcountry skills and risk management, and be in excellent physical condition. Also must be certified as a Wilderness First Responder and be minimum 21 years old.

College graduation and summer camp experience strongly preferred. Basic First Aid and Community CPR training preferred. Wilderness First Responder also preferred.

Salary and Benefits: $335 per week + housing + meals.


Application deadline: February 12, 2016.

To Apply: The following items are required as part of the application submission process; incomplete application packets will be disregarded:
(1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) application form (available at http://www.gsmit.org/jobs.html.

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