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Marine Educator

Overview

The Marine Educator for our overnight Carolina Ocean Odyssey program must be a multi-talented, service oriented individual with a strong desire to provide a life changing ocean experience that encompasses ocean safety and marine science. Applicant must have a passion for ocean conservation, marine science, teaching, and inspiring youth. This position requires the candidate to work as part of a team to instruct and provide care to a group of 16 campers, ages 10-12. Summer duties will be based at our ocean-view facility on Topsail Island, 30 minutes north of Wilmington. Candidates will work closely with our entire leadership team.

Marine Educator's will be responsible for daily marine science and water instruction, facilitation of a variety of evening programs, logistical support and daily van driving responsibilities. Logistics are a key element of our overnight camps and include equipment management and maintenance, evening program set-up and break-down, and other duties as assigned. This position will also assist with coordination of arrival and departure of campers. Last but not least, the Marine Educator must ensure that all staff and campers stay safe while having an awesome and life-enriching experience. This position reports to the Unit Leader.

Skills & Requirements

Minimum Qualifications

- ❖ BA or BS in marine biology, environmental science, education, recreation, or related field (or currently pursuing)
- ❖ At least 21 years of age
- ❖ Experience in marine science, environmental education, or related fields
- ❖ Must be in excellent physical condition + able to lift 50 lbs unassisted
- ❖ Ability to pass a 500 yard open-ocean swim test
- ❖ Must have 3 years ocean wave riding experience
- ❖ Current certifications: Lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid
- ❖ Strong desire to change the world for the better through education and action
- ❖ Must be able to attend mandatory staff training
- ❖ No conflicting summer commitments including travel, work, or other leave of absence
- ❖ Able to pass a government background check
- ❖ Clean driving record

Desired Skills & Traits

- ❖ Master's in marine biology, environmental science, education or related field
- ❖ Wilderness First Responder Certification
- ❖ Familiarity with local marine ecosystems and organisms
- ❖ Previous experience working in a camp setting
- ❖ Surfing experience
- ❖ Environmental education certification or teaching credential
- ❖ Energetic, morning person
- ❖ Willing to work long hours while maintaining energy and stamina
- ❖ Strong communication, decision making, logistical, and organizational skills
- ❖ Team player with a positive attitude, even when things are not going smoothly
- ❖ Loyalty, honesty, and a commitment to excellence
- ❖ Ability to remain focused in a fast paced, stressful, and fluid camp atmosphere
- ❖ Excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills

Responsibilities and Duties:

Working in collaboration with other staff members, you will provide 24-hour supervision for campers, both in the bunk rooms and in the field. Activities primarily take place on Topsail Island.

Individual must maintain a strong skill set in the following areas: lesson development, organization, punctuality, problem solving, as well as have a solid attention to detail. These skills are crucial in order for you to provide the best possible experience for each camper. Programs do require work on weekends and holidays, though there is some time off between camps to recharge.

Staff responsibilities are listed below but may not be limited to this list:

- ❖ Implement daily program activity schedule
- ❖ Assist daily camp setup and breakdown responsibilities with your team
- ❖ Conduct ongoing supply and equipment inventory
- ❖ Organize, supervise and participate in all camp activities, including providing proper behavior management of campers.
- ❖ Develop and implement program curriculum
- ❖ Present, lead, and supervise hands-on, educational activities on topics such as: wave dynamics, ocean safety and surf etiquette, rip currents, barrier island ecology, and salt marsh functionality
- ❖ Attend all scheduled staff meetings with the leadership team
- ❖ Participate in daily team meetings to go over any camper issues, logistics and schedule
- ❖ Complete all pre and post session tasks, including but not limited to reviewing camp binder, preparing supplies and inventory
- ❖ Put camper needs before own; get to know each camper, make them feel welcome and accepted
- ❖ Serve as positive role model, display maturity, responsibility, flexibility, and sound judgment
- ❖ Oversee participants' safety, medication administration, and dietary preferences
- ❖ Safely transport students in 15 passenger vans
- ❖ Clean, organize, and help prep camp facilities and vehicles at the end of each camp session
- ❖ Communicate in professional manner with campers/parents; be available to answer questions
- ❖ Practice open communication with team and address any issues immediately
- ❖ Follow proper Emergency Procedures when necessary
- ❖ Clearly understand company goals, our high safety standards, and mission
- ❖ Continuously work to promote the organization's mission and achieve its goals
- ❖ Be knowledgeable of Surf Camp, Inc. as a company, as well as our diversity of programs

Compensation

We offer a summer stipend, commensurate with experience, and the inclusion of pro-deal opportunities. In addition, the compensation package includes ocean-view accommodations and meals during the summer program, valued at an additional \$2,000.

Position Duration

Programs run from early June – early August on Topsail Island, NC. Candidates would need to attend mandatory staff training in the beginning of June.

About Surf Camp, Inc.

Surf Camp Inc. is a leader in the growing world of learn-to-surf, marine science and scuba adventure camps. Our brand symbolizes a long-standing commitment to technical instruction expertise and ocean safety awareness which is evident in our three main core values: "Safety, Learning, and Fun!" We develop and conduct a diversified mix of summer camps for kids and teens, as well as adult travel adventure programs.

"Our mission is to cultivate a love and respect for the ocean by building confidence, developing character and inspiring stoke through safety, fun and learning".