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Kids Day Camp Marine Educator

Overview

The Marine Educator for our Kids Full Day Camp programs 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 6-11. Summer duties will be based out of Wrightsville Beach, NC. Candidates will work closely with our entire leadership team.

Marine Educator's will be responsible for daily marine science and water instruction, logistical support and daily van driving responsibilities. Logistics are a key element of our day camps and include equipment management and maintenance, 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 & Qualifications

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
- ❖ Familiarity with local marine ecosystems and organisms
- ❖ Must be in excellent physical condition + able to lift 50lbs unassisted
- ❖ Ability to pass a 500-yard open-ocean swim test
- ❖ Current certifications or ability to obtain: Lifeguarding, CPR and First Aid
- ❖ Strong desire to change the world for the better through education and action
- ❖ Willing to work long hours while maintaining energy and stamina
- ❖ Strong communication, decision making, logistical, and organizational skills
- ❖ Team player with a positive attitude
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Must be able to attend full 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
- ❖ Previous experience working in a camp setting
- ❖ Surfing experience
- ❖ Environmental education certification or teaching credential
- ❖ Energetic, morning person

Responsibilities and Duties:

Working in collaboration with other staff members, you will provide consistent supervision for campers through-out the entire time they are in camp. Activities primarily take place on Wrightsville Beach but also on Topsail Island and Kure Beach.

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 some holidays, though there is 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, squid dissection, barrier island ecology, and salt marsh functionality, etc.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Serve as positive role model, display maturity, responsibility, flexibility, and sound judgment
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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. On-site training on our specific expectations, policies, and procedures will be provided.

Position Duration

Programs run from early June – early August on Wrightsville Beach, 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 and marine science adventure camps. Its brand symbolizes a long-standing commitment to technical instruction expertise and ocean safety awareness which is evident in their three main core values: "Safety, Learning, and Fun!" They 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".