



Inspiring environmental stewardship through education!

Summer Camp Naturalist 2021

Yampatika seeks caring, engaging, and creative educators to join our summer day camp team from Jun. 7 – Aug. 13. If you have a passion for education and for inspiring youth to connect with the natural world, come explore with us!

General Job Description

Summer camp naturalists work as a team during one week of training and nine weeks of outdoor-based day camp to care for and teach children ages 5 – 8 years old, Monday – Friday. Work hours range from 8:00-5:00, and a typical day is from 8 am – 4:45 pm. Summer Camp Naturalists are responsible for planning and leading activities, games, and field trips according to the weekly themes and for delivering high-quality, science-based environmental education in an inspiring and professional manner. Summer camp naturalists may assist with other youth programming on occasion and are responsible for assisting in daily site maintenance. Compensation is \$125 per day. Yampatika summer camp is based out of Legacy Ranch in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

- Provide engaging, positive, and age-appropriate educational experiences to campers by leading activities, experiments, explorations, field trips, arts & crafts, songs, and games.
- Maintain friendly, professional, and engaging presence with both children and adults through proper uniform and interaction in the field and on-site.
- Ensure that the safety and well-being of campers is always a priority; manage students' safety in outdoor settings using sound supervision, judgment and decision making; administer and document first aid as needed.
- Work cooperatively with clear and timely communication with other staff and supervisors. Participate in weekly camp staff meetings.
- Safely transport children in 15-passenger vans.
- Plan & prepare lessons & activities based on curriculum and resources provided.
- Work with other Camp Naturalists to submit prepared lessons, activities, and supply lists to the Camp Director at least 5 days in advance of the program.
- Assist in the maintenance of supplies, safety, and cleanliness of Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch and communicate all repair/maintenance needs of the Ranch to the Camp Director ASAP.
- Cultivate an inclusive community that honors backgrounds, needs, and identities.
- Assist or lead interpretive hikes or other community programs when not with summer camp.
- S/he is supervised by the Camp Director.
- Have fun working with young people exploring the natural world!



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Required Skills and Qualifications

- Prior experience and enthusiasm for working with and teaching children ages 5 – 10 years old.
- At least 3 year's education, background and/or experience in the field of environmental education, outdoor education, interpretation, natural sciences or related field.
- Passion for Yampatika's mission & desire to increase knowledge of Rocky Mountain ecology.
- Must be dependable, responsible, organized and adaptable team player willing to accept new tasks and feedback.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Be 18 years or older.
- Successfully pass a background check.
- Current driver's license and safe driving record for the past 3 years.
- Current First Aid & CPR certifications or ability to attain prior to employment.
- Complete required childcare online trainings prior to employment.
- Be prepared to work in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions, rain or shine.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs., and hike up to 5 miles on varied terrain, carrying a day pack.

Preferred Skills & Qualifications

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder.
- Bachelor's degree in environmental science/education, natural resources, or a related field.
- Willingness to use a personal vehicle to travel to programs on occasion.
- Spanish/English bilingual is a plus.

How to Apply:

- Applications Due: April 16 2021 (accepted on a rolling basis as needed).
- Email cover letter, resume to:
Joe Haines, Executive Director, joe@yampatika.org

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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