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## **Summer Day Camp Counselor 2022**

*Yampatika seeks caring, engaging, and creative individuals to join our summer day camp team from Jun. 6 – Aug. 19. Yampatika’s mission is “to inspire environmental stewardship through education” and our day camp is one of the big ways that we further that mission. Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, and engaging space for kids in the Yampa Valley to spend time outdoors and build positive relationships with our staff, fellow campers, and nature. If you have a passion for the outdoors and for inspiring youth to connect with the natural world, come explore with us!*

### **General Job Description**

Summer camp counselors and naturalists work as a team during one week of training and ten weeks of outdoor-based day camp to care for and teach children ages 5-11 years old. Day Camp sessions run Monday through Friday, 8-5 except when there is an overnight scheduled (this will be on Thursdays for our oldest group of kids). Under the direction of the Camp and Family Programs Manager, you will be responsible for managing the safety and the schedule of the kids in your care along with other Summer Day Camp Staff. Each staff is responsible for helping to plan and lead 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 Counselors may assist with other programming on occasion and are responsible for assisting in daily site maintenance. Compensation is \$135 per day. An additional rate will be paid for Overnight responsibilities. Yampatika summer camp is based out of Legacy Ranch in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

There are ample opportunities for Yampatika to assist any applicants with Internships, On-the-Job Learning, or School Credit requirements that an applicant may have. There is also the ability to job share with other individuals who may not be able to work the entire Summer. Please reach out with any questions about meeting credit requirements or job sharing to Yampatika.

### **Primary Duties & Responsibilities**

- Responsible for the care of up to 12 kids along with a fellow summer staff member.
- Confidence in co-leading many different types of programming for school-age children including but not limited to hikes, games, arts and crafts, inquiry-based activities, nature play, investigations, and other educational activities.
- Maintain friendly, professional, and engaging presence with both children and adults through proper uniform and interaction in the field and on-site
- Ensure that safety and wellbeing are always a priority; manage children’s safety in outdoor settings using good 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.
- Help plan and prepare lessons and activities based on curriculum and resources provided.



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- Work with other Camp Naturalists to submit prepared lessons, activities, and supply lists to the Camp Director at least 5 days in advance of a program.
- Cultivate an inclusive community that honors the different backgrounds, needs, and identities of both kids and fellow staff.
- 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.
- They are supervised by the Camp and Family Programs Manager.
- Have fun working with young people in the natural world!

### Required Skills and Qualifications

- Must be at least 16 years old and able to successfully pass a background check.
- Prior experience or enthusiasm for working with children ages 5-11 years of age.
- Passion for Yampatika's mission and desire to increase knowledge of Rocky Mountain ecology.
- Must be dependable, responsible, organized, and an adaptable team player willing to accept new tasks and feedback
- Excellent communication skills in order to coordinate logistics and program needs with both the program director and other summer staff.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs. and hike up to 5 miles on varied terrain carrying a day pack.
- Be prepared to work in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions, rain or shine.
- All Summer Day Camp Staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before the start of camp on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Preferred Skills & Qualifications

- Previous experience working at a summer camp or in the daily care of children.
- CPR/First Aid

### How to Apply:

- We will be accepting applications until May 10th, or until all positions are filled.
- Please follow this [link](#) or visit [yampatika.org/employment](http://yampatika.org/employment) to fill out a complete application.
- To apply please complete our online application and email a cover letter and resume to Reece Wells, Camp and Family Programs Manager, [reece@yampatika.org](mailto:reece@yampatika.org)

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

If you have any questions holler in an email.

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