



Job Title: Educator, Camp Big Timber Outdoor Academy

Reports to Program Director, Camp Big Timber Outdoor Academy

In collaboration with the Elgin School District U-46, the Three Fires Council has developed an outdoor summer enrichment program for 1st through 6th grade students. We are seeking educators and staff to work with children in part-time and full-time positions. This program will run from June 5th to August 3rd on Monday through Thursday each week. There is a full day program from 9am to 4pm and an afternoon program from 1pm to 5pm.

Job Purpose

Three Fires Council is seeking several motivated, experienced, and enthusiastic educators to join an outdoor nature-based, experiential education program. In the primary context of nature and with a focus on community and project-based learning, our program is aimed at supporting the intellectual (including academic), social, emotional, and physical development of young people, grades 1st to 6th.

The Educator would facilitate curriculum for a specific grade level through project-based experiences in an outdoor classroom setting and collaborate with the Three Fires Council, BSA to develop and execute this summer program.

Duties and responsibilities

- Maintain an environment that is physically, emotionally, socially safe and welcoming for students.
- Using curriculum provided, plan out and deliver daily activities for grades 1 – 6.
- Lesson plans will center around one subject. I.E. nature, art, music, social skills, etc.
- Differentiate instruction for unique interests and capabilities of students.

What you will get

Leadership experience, professional growth, and a rewarding experience knowing you are making an impact in the lives of hundreds of children. This camp is truly unique in the way it is located outdoors and designed to let students learn in their own individual pace.

Qualifications

- Age 18+
- At least one year of teaching experience. (preferred)
- Experience working with children in an educational setting.
- Curriculum development experience.
- Teaching license K-8. (preferred)
- Ability to teach a wide range of children in multi-age settings.
- Believes wholeheartedly and trusts in children's natural desire and ability to learn.
- Enthusiasm for being outdoors in all types of weather conditions.
- Requirements
- Enthusiastic in working with children and Educators.
- Ability to connect with children and ensure educational and emotional needs are met.
- High energy, excellent work ethic, and infectious enthusiasm.
- Flexibility to meet needs of students and the camp's time, schedules, and weather.
- A great communicator with participants and parents.
- CPR/First Aid certified or willing to become certified by start of camp (provided by Three Fires if needed).
- Youth Protection Training provided by Three Fires Council.
- Pass a criminal background check. (Conducted by Three Fires Council).
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to balance multiple tasks efficiently.

Hours and Dates

On an average day, camp check-in will begin at 8:30am and run through 3:30pm with check-out ending by 4:00pm. Camp operates Monday through Thursday starting Monday, June 5th and ending Thursday, August 3rd. The camp will not operate on July 4th in observance of the National Holiday. Camp Staff training days will be May 30th – 31st and June 1st.

General Hours

- Most staff will work from 8am – 4pm Monday through Thursday.
- Staff meetings: during regular work hours before or after the start of programming.
- Training/setup day: participate in a mandatory training/setup day in the days before camp begins.
- Camp cleanup: participate in cleaning and packing up camp for an additional 1-5 hours in your last week of camp, typically some additional hours at the end of the day.

The needs of camp and resulting staff hours may vary. We seek and make offers to staff who we believe can thrive in a flexible environment, both professionally and personally.

Compensation

Three Fires Council is committed to compensating staff competitively.

- The Educator position will be compensated at a regular hourly rate starting at \$18/hour.
- Pay is based on experience and qualifications.
- Summer staff positions are temporary, seasonal, non-benefited positions and do not include paid vacation time.
- Potential for any dependent children within the age range of programming to attend camp for free.

Physical Demands and Working Conditions

Due to the nature of the program, applicants will be physically active with energetic children throughout the entire day. It will therefore be a physically demanding job and will require a high level of physical endurance. This includes but is not limited to:

- Some lifting and carrying up to 40 lbs.
- Seeing, hearing, speaking, standing, walking, typing, writing, reading
- Use hands and fingers to help with classroom supplies and operate equipment.
- Potential need to be certified to operate camp vehicles on camp property.
- Camp Big Timber is a 75-acre outdoor education center located in Elgin, IL. Although there are multiple indoor venues for use, it is the intent of the program to be outdoors much of the time. Accordingly, applicants must be willing and able to teach outdoors.

All interested applicants should send a current resume and cover letter to: Donnie.helstern@scouting.org