



Environmental Educator (Fellowship)

Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center (formerly the Audubon Center of the North Woods) is a private, non-profit (501c3) environmental learning center near Sandstone, MN that provides outdoor educational opportunities to a diverse audience in an intimate setting. Gain experience in current environmental education methods, as well as knowledge of Minnesota's unique biomes and natural history through training seminars, direct mentorship, graduate-level coursework, and on-the-job learning. Our organization is committed to making the outdoors accessible to everyone with student-centered, nature-focused programming that is responsive to all learners. We hope you join our dynamic team and learn what it takes to be an outstanding environmental educator!

Qualifications:

- BA or BS in a related field, or equivalent work experience/training
- 21 years of age or older at the time of employment
- Ability to commit to a full year, from June 2020-June 2021, and live on site
- **Interest or experience in working with children; particularly elementary and middle school age**
- **Interest and experience in outdoor activities including, but not limited to: camping, canoeing, backpacking, climbing, hiking, etc.**
- Experience with, and enthusiasm for, summer youth camps
- Experience in working with or teaching members of underserved communities
- Must be open-minded, self-directed, and enthusiastic--excited to learn and try new things!
- Ability to lift heavy equipment, such as a canoe, hike long distances, and work outside in all weather conditions
- Ability to lead and participate in our climbing wall and high ropes course (max height: 40 ft.)
- Valid First-aid/CPR/AED certification is a plus!
- Conversational speaking ability in: Spanish, Somali, or Hmong is a plus!

Responsibilities:

- Teach ecology, wildlife, adventure, and cultural classes to large and small groups of all ages, including evening and weekend programming
- Plan and lead Summer Camp programming and free-time activities
- Serve as the primary Center representative and host to visiting conference and retreat groups. This includes being on-call for overnight visitors (2-4/month)
- Attend weekly staff meetings and regular trainings throughout the year.
- Provide basic husbandry for our animal ambassadors, including raptors, corvids, mammals, and herps.
- Complete other self-directed projects, or projects as assigned

Benefits:

- Work outside in a beautiful setting: 780 acres with coniferous and mixed hardwood forest, creek, prairie, and wetland areas, as well as a lake with a private beach adjacent to the staff house.
- Year-long training in pedagogy, curriculum development, and environmental education theory
- Broad natural history and animal husbandry training
- Hundreds of hours of teaching experience with groups of diverse ages and backgrounds
- \$340/month stipend + **10 Paid Graduate Credits through Hamline University** for an Environmental Education Certification (\$3,500 value)
- Private room in on-site Staff House, and meals when groups are present
- Eight days off each month, plus 10 additional days of paid sick leave/PTO.

Position Dates:

This fellowship begins June 6th, 2020 and ends on June 12th, 2021.

There are 6 positions available. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

To apply, please send your cover letter, resume, and three references to:

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