Coosa River Science School Instructor

The Alabama 4-H Center rests on 264 acres of lush rolling woodlands along the banks of beautiful Lay Lake and is surrounded by some of the state’s most ecologically diverse features, including the Cahaba River, Talladega National Forest, Cheaha Wilderness and Oak Mountain State Park. The center is also located only 35 miles from Birmingham, a culturally diverse city with excellent dining, music and arts.

**Responsibilities include:** facilitate a wide range of programs including environmental, outdoor and experiential education such as macro invertebrate studies, herpetology, canoeing, climbing wall, and challenge course (80%); animal care (15%); provide program maintenance and development (4%); general maintenance, grounds, housekeeping, and kitchen duties (1%).

**Training/Educational opportunities:** 12-day extensive staff training on all programs provided at the center; Red Cross Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR (End of Spring Season/Beginning of Summer Season); Animal Care; AL Boating License Online Course Reimbursed for Lifeguards.

**Requirements:**
Genuine interest in children and teaching; positive attitude; outgoing personality; open-minded; willingness to learn; well-developed communication skills and leadership ability.

- An BA/BS in education, environmental education, outdoor education natural science, recreation or related field or
- The ability to pass a criminal background check.
- 1-2 seasons previous experience in field preferred.

**All applicants are eligible for the following:**
Single Season Commitment: August 17-December 10, 2011; February 6-May 18, 2012; or May 21-August 03, 2012
2 Season Commitment: August 17, 2011 – May 18, 2012 (30 day down time during Dec/Jan)
Full Year Commitment: August 17, 2011 – August 3, 2012

**Salary:** $290/week. Room and board provided (when kitchen is in service)

**Benefits:** Partial Medical coverage (up to $3,000 a visit, not applicable on pre-existing, conditions). Dental plan can be purchased for $20.58/month after 90 days of employment.

**Note to Self:** We think working here is an amazing opportunity to learn a tremendous amount about environmental education, outdoor education, and animal care. We feel that our instructors leave well-equipped for most positions in the field. Teaching students every day is a rewarding experience, but you must have the energy and determination to keep up with them.

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Visit our website at www.coosariverscienceschool.org for more information.