

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.