



Summer Day Camp Nature Art Coordinator Intern Position Description

Organization

Blandford Nature Center is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization working to invigorate relationships with nature that lead individuals to transform their community and create a healthy, sustainable world. Our mission is to educate, engage, and empower our community to become stewards of the natural world that sustains us.

Internship Summary

Coordinate, develop, and deliver nature art activities that support summer camp infrastructure.

Supervisor

Laura Johns, Program Manager

Duties & Responsibilities

- Deliver nature based art activities for children ages 4-12 years old in support of the day camp program
- Create and plan nature inspired activities using a weekly theme
- Coordinate and implement tie-die T-shirt Wednesday's for all camp age groups
- Maintain high standards of safety and well-being of program participants
- Assist in the maintenance and storage of program equipment, supplies and facilities
- Assist in documentation and evaluation of camp programs
- Assist with other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications

- Personal experience and knowledge in basic arts and crafts including: painting, drawing, tie-dying, charcoal, weaving, printmaking, plaster, papiermache or related mediums
- Two years teaching/working experience with elementary school students
- Positive and energetic role model in attitude and behavior
- Excellent judgment and reliability
- Excellent ability to work independently
- Ability to monitor and model safe work habits
- Ability to work effectively with students in the outdoors, in all types of weather and over uneven terrain
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently with all Blandford Nature Center staff and volunteers
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Preferred Qualifications:

- Coursework in the field of education, youth development, art education, environmental sciences, natural sciences, biology, parks or recreation management
- Experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and cultures and ability to model age appropriate youth development techniques
- Experience in outdoor education and/or camp settings.
- Familiarity with risk management
- CPR and First Aid certification

The attitudes and personal characteristics demonstrated in this position are:

- Self-motivated, problem solver with the ability to work both independently and as part of a team in a fast-paced and sometimes chaotic nonprofit environment
- Make decisions requiring good judgment in the absence of specific directions
- Detailed-oriented, meticulous, and organized
- Technology savvy and able learn new computer programs
- Projecting a positive and professional image within and outside the organization

Compensation

To be determined. Education credit is available.

Time Commitment

20 to 30 hours per week. The work schedule is mostly weekdays, Monday-Friday, between 9:00 am-3:30pm, with **Wednesday's required**. Start date is June 19 through August 26 (with flexible end date). **Mandatory training is June 14-16.**

To Apply

Please send a resume, cover letter & [volunteer application](#) to:

Blandford Nature Center
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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