**Summer Adventure Program Leader**

Touch of Nature Environmental Center – 3,100 acres of Beautiful Southern Illinois Landscape amongst Lakes and Sandstone Bluffs

**Description:** The Adventure Program Leader (APL) will act as a program leader in the facilitation of outdoor adventure activities and experiential education under the direct supervision of a Program Coordinator. The APL will be responsible for assisting in the leadership, instruction and supervision of participants in specialized outdoor activities. The APL will help lead Touch of Nature EdVenture Summer Camps. The APL will also assist in program planning, promotion and evaluation of outdoor educational/recreational activities. A key component of the APL's duties will be to provide for the physical needs and safety of participants. A final component will be the maintenance, care and knowledge of program equipment, gear and facilities.

**Qualifications:**

- Outgoing, hardworking, customer service oriented attitude
- Enthusiastic and capable of working with people of various ages and abilities while maintaining a positive, professional demeanor
- A desire to understand the theories, philosophies, and techniques relevant to wilderness adventure programming
- Applicants must have or be willing to obtain a CPR/First Aid Certification
- Experience and training in one or more of the following fields is desirable:
  - Education
  - Outdoor Leadership
  - Recreation
  - Human Services
  - Forestry
- Prior experience with various outdoor skills such as: backpacking, canoeing, navigation, swimming, climbing, rappelling, high ropes course, and team building activities are beneficial but not required
- Prior work within a summer camp setting is preferred but not required

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assists in the leadership, instruction and supervision of participants in specialized outdoor activities such as: rock climbing, high ropes course facilitation, team building, canoeing, rappelling, interpretive nature hikes, residential youth camps, and other adventure based activities
- Assists in providing for the physical needs and safety of participants
- Assists in program planning for outdoor educational/recreational activities
- Assists in the logistical needs of program areas
- Is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of program equipment, gear and facilities
- Assists in program evaluation
- Other duties as assigned

This position is security-sensitive. Before any offer of employment can be made, the University will conduct a pre-employment background investigation, which includes a criminal background check.

**Benefits:**
- Lead trips all over Southern Illinois with climbing, hiking and paddling
- Leave No Trace Trainer certification
- Possibility of fall work
- Housing included
- Some meals provided
- All relevant training provided (rock climbing, nature hikes, high ropes course, team building, etc.)

**Rank:** Extra-Help staff; Residency may be required

**Duration:** May 26, 2020 through August 15, 2020

**Salary Range:** *For housing and salary info please contact Cassandra Roy*

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2020, or until filled.

**Application Procedure:** *Please send a resume and cover letter*

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