



Florida Oceanographic Society Education Department

Summer Camp Counselor One temporary, full-time position available

Florida Oceanographic Society's Education Department seeks an energetic, passionate, and dedicated individual to serve as a Summer Camp Counselor during the summer of 2020. This temporary, full-time, paid position will be based at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center in Stuart, FL. The ideal candidate will have a strong science, nature, or environmental background, and a passion for working with children. Florida Oceanographic Society is a non-profit organization based in Stuart, Florida. We operate the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, a 57-acre public nature center and aquarium with a visitation of 64,000 guests per year. Our mission is to inspire environmental stewardship of Florida's coastal ecosystems through education, research, and advocacy.

Dates:

Position is for 8 week terms, including the periods June 1 to June 26, 2020, and July 6 to July 31, 2020, Monday thru Friday (no camp the week of June 29 – July 2). The position also requires 3 additional paid days of training; May 27, May 28, and July 2, 2020.

Primary Job Responsibility:

The primary responsibility of this position will be to assist in the implementation of Florida Oceanographic's Summer Camp Programs, including Coastal Discovery Camps for ages five to eleven and Teen Immersion Experiences for ages twelve to sixteen. Camp counselors will assist the Summer Camp Director with camp activities, set-up and break-down, cleaning, lesson implementation, science experiments, animal encounters, crafts, seining, basics of snorkeling, basics of fishing, and field trips. Counselors will work with campers onsite and during offsite field trips. Camp Counselors will aid in making summer camp a safe environment for children, where they can learn about local animals and ecosystem while developing creativity and scientific curiosity. Working closely with Education Department staff, the Camp Counselors will gain valuable hands-on teaching experience including practical applications of curriculum design, group facilitation, and scientific field explorations, while learning how to deal with the unexpected variables that are a part of youth programming.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Preference will go to educators or degree seeking students (undergraduate or graduate) with a major in education, environmental education, marine sciences, biology, environmental sciences, or a similar field.
- The ideal candidate would have previous teaching experience (classroom or field) with children ages 5-16.
- Applicants must possess a valid Florida driver's license and a good driving record.
- Applicants must be a competent swimmer and comfortable in the water. Snorkeling and fishing experience preferred.
- Certification in First Aid and CPR required and water safety preferred.
- Candidates must pass a criminal background check.
- Candidates must be comfortable working outdoors in typical Florida weather, including high humidity, heat, sun, wind, rain, and insects. Must be able to stand for up to 3 hours, walk, run short distances, and carry up to 40 pounds.

Compensation:

\$8.56 - \$10.50 per hour paid bi-weekly (dependent upon experience)

To Apply:

Please submit the completed employment application and resume by fax, mail, or email to Shannon Dack. Please include names and contact information for 3 professional references. This is a rolling application process that will continue until the positions are filled.

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