

Organization: Duluth Area Family YMCA Camp Miller

Internship: **Environmental Educator**

Reports To: Camping Branch Executive Director

Dates: TBD

Availability: Summer



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**Position Location:**

YMCA Camp Miller is a 342 acre camp located on the shores of Sturgeon Lake, about 45 minutes south of Duluth. In the summer, Camp Miller offers week-long overnight and day camp experiences. The rest of the year, Camp Miller serves as a Rental and Retreat Center. We provide environmental education and outdoor experiences for thousands of people each year. The three main programs interns will be working with this summer include a Nature Based Preschool (ages 4-5), Day Camp (ages 6-12) and Resident Camp (grades 2-12).

**Position Summary:**

Responsible for providing leadership and instruction in environmental education and practices at Camp Miller. This will involve working with our Nature Based Preschool, Day Camp and Resident campers.

**Essential Functions:**

1. Develop and implement environmental education curriculum to summer campers and various other audiences.
2. Preparation of instructional materials for environmental education curriculum.
3. Daily care of any animal collections gathered or purchased within the summer
4. Assistance with seasonal projects.
5. Participation in special events.
6. Assist in establishing "Nature Nook" Nature Center.
7. Create one new program or system focused on the preservation and improvement of environmental factors affecting Camp Miller. Must include a plan for its future sustainability (i.e. your green idea will subsist without your direct supervision).

**Required Qualifications:**

1. Knowledge and interest in natural history and environmental education.
2. Enthusiasm for working with children in an outdoor setting.
3. Two plus years of college coursework in environmental education or a related field.
4. Ability to work well independently and as part of a team.
5. Self-reliant and motivated.

**Compensation:**

- o \$100 per week living stipend
- o Free housing
- o Access to the Duluth YMCA and YMCA Camp Miller facilities
- o Access to all camp equipment and activities including kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, archery, mountain bikes, trails, climbing tower, docks & lake swimming.

**Benefits:**

- o We will work with you and your school to assist you in receiving college credit. It is the responsibility of the student to determine if academic credit is available through his/her/their degree program
- o Professional training and skill development during summer camp staff training.
- o Relevant, hands-on, diverse experience in environmental education.
- o Evaluation by professional staff.

**Application Process:**

- YMCA Internship Application (found at [www.duluthymca.org](http://www.duluthymca.org))
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

**Contact Information:**

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