

Organization: YMCA Camp Miller

Internship: **Nature-Based Preschool Program Planner**

Reports To: Camping Branch Executive Director

Dates: TBD

Availability: Summer



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 will be running 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 pilot nature-based preschool program.

Essential Functions:

1. Design outdoor and indoor classroom spaces.
2. Assist in ordering materials and supplies.
3. Work with Lead Teacher to develop and implement a nature-based curriculum.
4. Develop lesson plans and units.
5. Assist in teaching lessons to kids ages 4-5.
6. Support Lead Teacher in day-to-day supervision and group management of children.
7. Develop relationships with community partners.
8. Assist in volunteer recruitment.
9. Prepare for program licensing process.
10. Create and host family events.

Required Qualifications:

1. Knowledge and interest in nature-based education for young children.
2. Enthusiasm and interest for working with young children in an outdoor setting.
3. Ability to work well independently and as part of a team.
4. Self-reliant and motivated.
5. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
6. CPR and First Aid certification or willingness to obtain certification (available free of charge from the Y).

Desired Qualifications:

1. Two plus years of college coursework in Environmental Education, Outdoor Education, Early Childhood Education or a related field.

Compensation:

- o \$100 per week living stipend
- o Free housing
- o YMCA Membership
- 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:

- 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
- Professional training and skill development during summer camp staff training.
- Relevant, hands-on, diverse experience in environmental education & early childhood education.
- Evaluation by professional staff.

Application Process:

- YMCA Internship Application (found at www.duluthymca.org)
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

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