



Montgomery County Parks Department
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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: NATURE CAMP COUNSELOR
LOCATION: Brookside, Locust Grove or Meadowside Nature Centers
TIME: Positions are available weekdays typically during spring and summer breaks.

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Montgomery County Nature Facilities provide a variety of natural and cultural history programs for the public and maintain an active exhibit area, grounds, and trails. Camp Counselors help prepare for nature camps, work with children and provide additional support throughout the camp session. Camp Counselors are people-oriented and take pride in their role as representatives for the Montgomery County Parks Department.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist naturalist staff with camp activities.
2. Help to ensure a safe and enjoyable learning experience for campers.
3. Accompany naturalist and campers on hikes and field trips.
4. Set up and clean before and after camp.
5. Lead or assist with games and activities.
6. Prepare craft, activity materials and snacks (if necessary) for camps.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Enjoy working with children.
2. Solid communication skills, good command of the English language (other language proficiencies welcome).
3. Desire to learn Nature Facility programs and resources, and to share knowledge with campers.
4. Willingness to work on site at the designated Nature Facility.
5. Willingness to travel with the naturalist to nearby off-site program locations such as parks and community centers.
7. Ability to work well with a diverse clientele.
8. Ability to work independently and with others in a leadership capacity.
9. Ability to follow directions with accuracy and attention to detail.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age 14 years.
2. References required.
3. Fingerprint Background Check required.
4. Ability to commit to a pre-arranged schedule.
5. Staff shirt/hat and name tag required (provided by nature facility)

TRAINING:

Successful completion of Nature Center Volunteer Orientation e-Learning course. On the job training provided by the Naturalist Staff.

COMMENTS:

This can be a rewarding opportunity to work with children in a nature center setting. This opportunity provides students with valuable experience in a leadership role and helps develop a professional network for those interested in exploring careers in related fields. Approved for Student Service hours.

BENEFITS:

Volunteers at Montgomery County Nature Facilities receive many benefits, including program discounts, volunteer appreciation events, hands on educational opportunities and more. Please see our benefits flyer for a complete list.