Bluff Lake Nature Center
Summer Camp
Job Description- Camp Leader

Bluff Lake Nature Center is currently seeking energetic, fun, enthusiastic, outdoorsy individuals to serve as Camp Leaders at our summer camp.

Bluff Lake Nature Center (BLNC) Mission and History:
The mission of BLNC is to share our unique urban natural area and inspire environmental connectedness and stewardship through experiential education, environmental engagement, and natural area preservation and restoration. BLNC is a model urban wildlife refuge that enriches people’s lives through experiential education, environmental stewardship, community engagement and ecosystem preservation and restoration. Bluff Lake is an outdoor classroom for thousands of students each year, both during the school year and during the summer months.

BLNC Summer Camp Program Description:
Bluff Lake Nature Center runs week long summer camps from early June to late July for campers aged 6-11. The camp day is from 9am-2:30pm with extended morning and afternoon hours available. BLNC Summer Camp offers a variety of themed camp weeks all involving crafts, science lessons, outdoor games and nature exploration. Learning and fun takes place through hands-on, science-based, experiential activities. Bluff Lake Summer Camp is licensed by the State of Colorado Division of Childcare.

Camp Leader Description and Responsibilities:
We are seeking Camp Leaders to lead groups of 6- to 11-year-old campers for full days of outdoor adventures and explorations. BLNC Camp Leaders will be responsible for working with Camp Directors and BLNC staff to provide a high-quality experience for every camper. They will ensure the safety, well-being, and enjoyment of camp for each participant.

Camp Leaders will be expected to:
- Act as role models for all participants and Junior Counselors
- Implement Bluff Lake’s inquiry-based educational philosophy
- Organize and lead a variety of group activities each week
- Demonstrate respect for the environment and the plants and animals at BLNC
- Show enthusiasm for outdoor activities and experiences
- Provide fun and engaging leadership in nature education
- Participate in 15 hours of camp-related training before the start of camp (arranged by BLNC).
- Perform other reasonable responsibilities as determined.

Minimum Qualifications:
- At least age 18 with a year of experience working with school-aged children OR at least age 21 with 3 months experience working with school-aged children.
- Background check and fingerprints submitted and cleared by the Colorado Department of Human Services (BLNC helps and pays for this)
● Current First Aid, CPR certification (BLNC helps with this)
● Must be able to work on feet for 8 hours including hiking up to 1 mile and navigating a slippery creek bed
● Available to work 5-8 hour shifts during the hours of 7am-6pm at least 4 days a week for multiple weeks from June 6, 2016-July 29, 2016 (week of July 4 excluded)

Desired Skills and Qualifications:
● Interest and experience in teaching environmental education to youth
● Passionate about Bluff Lake Nature Center’s mission
● Strong organizational skills with the ability to multi-task, patiently and professionally
● Strong communication skills with adults and children
● Team player, enthusiastic, organized, creative, critical thinker, and self-motivated

Compensation:
Summer stipend and/or competitive hourly wage negotiable based on availability and experience.

How to Apply:
Please send a resume and references to the contact below.
In your email, please describe your availability between June 6, 2016-July 29, 2016
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