



## Job Announcement Summer Science Camp Instructor, 2009

Youth Science Institute (YSI) is seeking Summer Science Camp instructors for the 2009 season. We offer a variety of camps which include hiking, creek exploration, fishing, bird watching, physics and chemistry experiments, and crafts. Camps are hands-on, experiential, and inquiry-based. YSI has live animals, preserved specimens, laboratory and field studies equipment, and a knowledgeable staff to help you create an engaging and fun learning experience for children. Curriculum and kit box are available for each camp.

Camps are one week long, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 p.m., and run from June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>. The camps are held at our three nature centers in Santa Clara County - Alum Rock City Park in San Jose, Vasona County Park in Los Gatos, and Sanborn County Park in Saratoga.

### Responsibilities

- Attend orientation and training sessions
- Read and understand camp curriculum
- Prepare lesson plans to include experiments, crafts, hikes, and stories
- Teach children in an engaging and enthusiastic manner
- Insure the safety and well-being of children
- Properly care for all teaching materials
- Mentor and supervise camp aides
- Properly complete all administrative paperwork
- Exhibit maturity, diplomacy and common sense in working with parents, children, and staff

### Desired Qualifications

- Ability to teach children grades pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup>
- Degree in science, education or environmental studies preferred; or similar coursework is helpful
- Excellence in the following skill areas: Written, verbal and visual communication; planning and implementation; working independently, working collaboratively, and customer service
- Self-motivated, flexible and energetic
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Personable individual who enjoys working with the public
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds for short distances
- Ability to sustain physical activity, such as hiking
- Posses a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and have access to a car
- Commitment to work a minimum of four weeks, with hiring preference given to qualified candidates who can commit to more than four weeks.

### Terms of Employment

- This is a seasonal position.
- Salary range is \$12.00 - \$14.00 per hour.
- Any offer of employment is contingent upon finger printing, a background check, and TB test. The finger printing and TB tests are done at the expense of the applicant.

Youth Science Institute (YSI) is a nonprofit Silicon Valley leader in hands-on science education. We partner with nature to teach science to 30,000 pre-school through 12th grade students annually. YSI school programs, after-school programs, and summer camps bridge today's critical science education gap to inspire enthusiasm for science and a love of learning. At YSI, children develop the critical thinking skills necessary for academic success, and forge connections with nature that foster personal vitality and stewardship.

**Please send your cover letter, resume and YSI job application (available on our website) to:**

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**Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.**

YSI is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**At Will Employment**

Youth Science Institute (YSI) is an at-will employer. This means you are free to terminate your employment with YSI at any time, with or without reason, and YSI has the right to terminate your employment at any time, with or without reason. Although YSI may choose to terminate employment for cause, cause is not required. Apart from the policy of at will employment and those policies required by law, YSI may change its policies or practices at any time without further notice.