



Job Announcement Summer Camp Science Instructor

Youth Science Institute (YSI) is seeking summer camp science instructors for the 2010 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.

Camps are one week long, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., and run from June 14 to August 13. Camps are held at three nature centers in Santa Clara Valley parks - Alum Rock Park, Vasona County Park, and Sanborn County Park.

Responsibilities

- 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
- Mentor and supervise camp aides
- Exhibit maturity, diplomacy and common sense in working with parents, children, and staff

Desired Qualifications

- Ability to teach children grades pre-K through 6th
- Degree in science, education or environmental studies preferred; similar coursework is helpful
- Excellence in written, verbal and visual communication; planning and implementation; working independently, and working collaboratively
- Personable individual who enjoys working with the public
- Ability to lift and carry 30 pounds for short distances and to sustain physical activity, such as hiking
- Posses a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and have access to a car
- 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.
- 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.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Please send your cover letter, resume and YSI job application (available on our website, <http://www.youthscience.org>) to:

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