


Summer Naturalist - Canoe Guide Posted Nov 26
The Wild Center , Tupper Lake, NY (Adirondack Park)

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The Wild Center (TWC) seeks Summer Naturalists to work with our dynamic education staff at a world class museum in the heart of the Adirondack Park. The Canoe Guide position will have the responsibility of leading experiences in natural history interpretation on the Raquette River as part of TWC's new canoe program and get experience in experiential education, school programs, and developing interpretive programming. They will be in charge of our new canoe program, canoe equipment and safety as well as assisting staff with daily operations, including maintenance and development of education programs, attendance at occasional evening programs, and other duties that provide exposure to all museum aspects.

Qualifications

- Canoeing / Paddling experience, comfort on water and strong swimming ability is required
- Knowledge of canoe instruction, technique and safety required
- Minimum 2 years completed at an accredited college or university in natural sciences, environmental education, natural history interpretation, or a related field
- Must be a highly motivated individual with excellent customer service skills and the willingness to work in the demanding environment of a museum with a high volume of visitors
- Strong skills in public speaking, writing, and computers. Skills in multimedia and graphic arts preferred
- Ability to lead nature hikes and outdoor experiences on uneven terrain in all weather conditions including lifting over 50 lbs
- Previous teaching experience in a museum, nature center, park or zoo setting highly preferred
- Knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Adirondack region and bird identification skills highly desired
- Flexible work schedule- weekends, some evenings and long days are required
- WFA or WFR preferred , NYS Licensed Guide preferred (or ability to become trained prior to season is necessary)
- Must be available to work from May 14th through September 3rd (with possibility for extension through November)

Compensation and Benefits

- \$300 per week stipend (~ 40 hours work per week) + Housing
- The opportunity to work in a new 35,000 square foot museum on a 31 acre site on the Raquette River featuring over 80 species of live exhibit animals and silver LEED certification for green building design and sustainability initiatives in the Adirondack Park
- Develop valuable skills as an interpreter and a deeper knowledge of the Adirondack Park
- Interpretive Guide and Host certification from the National Association for Interpretation
- CPR and First Aid certification if necessary
- Museum staff will work with you to gain college credit

About The Wild Center

Located in the heart of a six million-acre state park in northern New York, the mission of The Wild Center (TWC) is to ignite an enduring passion for the Adirondacks where people and nature can thrive together and set an example for the world. The Museum's unique approach to environmental education is multidisciplinary and experiential and builds learning through exhibits and interpretive programs.

How to Apply

Please send a resume, cover letter and the contact information of three references. Applications must be received no later than February 3, 2012.