



The Darien Nature Center is located in the heart of Darien's Cherry Lawn Park. We inspire passion and respect for the natural world through nature education, hands-on experiences with nature, and environmental action and stewardship. Built by generous supporters, the Nature Center is open daily to the public, who visit our 22 species of animals and hike the trails. This summer we will be running six, one-week camp sessions that will include all the usual summer fun – outdoor exploration, nature discoveries, animal encounters, games, crafts, stories, songs, water play, science experiments, and more!

Summer Camp 2024

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION – Age 13 - 15

Responsibilities:

Assist the Lead Teacher, Senior, and Junior Counselor with the following:

- Active outdoor play: animal encounters, waterplay, science experiments, crafts, and hiking
- Helping Senior and Junior Counselors with classroom setup
- Cleaning tables and putting away supplies and materials
- Get to know the campers, and provide a fun, safe, and welcoming environment
- Greeting children with enthusiasm during arrival
- Take direction from the lead teacher and senior counselor
- Report any concerns to the lead teacher or camp director

Requirements:

- Appreciation and respect towards animals and nature
- Patient, understanding, and kind to children 4 - 10 years of age
- Ability to work as a team
- Demonstrate creativity and enthusiasm
- Self-motivated, upbeat, and high energy
- Punctual and dependable

Hours:

Orientation/Training/Set up: June 17 & 18, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (Not required, but strongly suggested!)

Camp Dates: June 24 – August 2 (no camp on 7/4)

Camp Staff Hours: Monday – Friday 8:45 AM – 2:45 PM

Pay:

This is a volunteer position.

Qualifications:

Must be able to provide a current health form from your physician. This is an opportunity to volunteer for one to six weeks in a nature-based camp program.

For further information, contact: Victoria Heyne, Summer Camp Director
victoria@dariennaturecenter.org or 203-655-7459



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We accept CIT applications through June

SUMMER CAMP 2024 TEACHER/COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Camp Dates: June 24 – August 2, 2024, 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM

Required Training: June 17 & 18, 2023, 9 AM to 3:30 PM

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Name_____Gender_____Preferred Pronouns_____

Address_____Cell _____

City/State/Zip_____

Email Address_____Date of Birth_____Age_____

I hold a CPR/Basic First Aid Certificate, valid through_____

Why do you want to be a nature educator?_____

POSITION DESIRED

- ☐ Teacher (Five years professional experience required)– *starting at \$28 per hour*
- ☐ Senior Counselor (19+ years old)– *starting at \$20 per hour*
- ☐ Junior Counselor (16+ years old)--*\$16 per hour*
- ☐ Counselor in Training (13 -15 years old) -*this is an unpaid volunteer position*

The positions require a seven-week commitment: June 17 through August 2.

*****CIT's are not required to commit to all seven weeks of camp*****

EDUCATION

High School_____Years Completed_____

College_____Years Completed_____

Advanced_____Years Completed_____

REFERENCES

Please list two references:

Name

Occupation

Phone

1. _____

2. _____

Please attach your resume and/or fill in the following:

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience, particularly any work with children or work related to environmental education. Please include dates:

VOLUNTEER WORK

Describe any volunteer positions you have held. Please include dates:

INTEREST & HOBBIES

Please list your hobbies, including clubs, extracurricular activities, etc.:

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

I understand that the position that I am applying for requires my attendance Monday through Friday from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM each day between June 24 and August 2. Thursday July 4th is an unpaid holiday. On June 17 & 18 I will attend team building and training sessions from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please email, mail or hand-deliver your application to:

**The Darien Nature Center, 120 Brookside Road, Darien, CT 06820 or
victoria@dariennaturecenter.org.**