

PECONIC DUNES CAMP
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY
423 Griffing Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901
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Position: JUNIOR/SENIOR COUNSELOR & NATURE INSTRUCTOR

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be 17 years old
- Experience in environmental/conservation education; some background in natural sciences
- Find enjoyment in outdoor living and have an appreciation and understanding of the natural environment
- Be available to live on campus from June 22 – August 23, 2008

Responsible To:

- Assistant Director
- Environmental Program Director

General Responsibilities:

- Speak and behave in a professional manner with staff, children, parents, visitors, et cetera, at all times.
- Be prepared to flexibly adapt to the diverse situations that arise at a co-ed, residential summer camp.
- Co-lead nature program.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Ensure the safety of campers and staff by following the outdoor skills guidelines outlined in Peconic Dunes' Risk Management Manual.
- Development of a community-oriented camp culture that emphasizes empathy, continuous improvement, and high performance.
- Teach campers about the local environment (geology, geography, botany, forestry, entomology, ornithology, marine science, etc.).
- Teach campers how to use equipment environmental scientists use to study the environment (GPS, GIS, microscope, telescope, binoculars, seining net, etc.).
- Keep an inventory; request materials from Environmental Program Director.
- Know each individual camper assigned to you and if he/she is receiving necessary attention for physical and emotional wellness.
- Report camper problems to Assistant Director and/or Environmental Programs Director as particular situations warrant.
- Campers: know and be known, greet children (several times per day), serve all children without bias or favoritism
- Ongoing professional development.

These duties are not the only duties to be performed. Some duties may be reassigned and other duties will be assigned as required.