



Islesboro Day Camp Counselor

The University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood provides environmentally focused summer camps for Maine youth in Lincolnville and Islesboro. Programs emphasize community living, respect for others, life skills, fun, safety, responsibility, and the joy of being a part of the natural world. Our mission is to teach and inspire youth to be effective and caring citizens of the earth through ecology education and fun, nature based experiences. We strive to develop lifelong skills and a sense of community spirit. We are integrated in Islesboro's Swim and Explore program.

As a Day Camp Counselor, you spend your days working with youth aged 6-12 in an outdoor setting. In this role you will have a great opportunity to improve your leadership and outdoor education skills through creating and implementing hands-on ecological programs.

Responsibilities

1. Supervise and ensure the safety of campers at **all** times (and assist with risk management plan on site).
2. Assist with planning and implementation daily camp programs that offer hands-on environmental learning for campers ages 6-12. Islesboro programs will rotate through different learning sites on some mornings, working with local organizations to highlight special areas on the Island. Afternoon's will be spent in shorter activity programs centered around art, science, adventure skills and cooperation. Topics such as the water cycle, insects, wildlife and birds are taught through exploration, games, puppetry, art, songs and stories. One day per week will take place off-island: (6 week Waldo YMCA Swim Lessons & Exploring mid-coast) and at Tanglewood.
3. Engage actively with campers during lessons, recreation and meal times
4. Work closely with day camp education team in all programming and in creating the necessary atmosphere for a positive camp experience
5. Actively participate in staff meetings and contribute to the ongoing improvement of the entire camp program.
6. Role model good stewardship for the environment, and support our efforts by participating in the garden, composting, and sustainable practices throughout all aspects of your role
7. Return all equipment and facilities in good conditions upon completion of program. Complete end of season inventory.

Qualifications:

- Motivation to work with children in a high energy, outdoor setting
- Completed senior year in high school
- Previous camp or related experience working with youth
- Must demonstrate responsible and safe decision making skills in all aspects of outdoor camp programming.
- Ability to lead groups outdoors over various terrain around camp facility and camp trails carrying a small backpack and first aid kit
- First aid and Basic Life Support certification
- Preferred: canoe/boating experience, life guard certification

Requirement for hiring:

- Complete health screening and appropriate background checks

Dates and Compensation:

- \$190/week (pre-tax); room and board provided (optional)
- June 19-August 12, 2016, 8-week appointment.

To Apply: Please mail/fax/email cover letter, resume, and references to: Jessica Decke, Tanglewood Summer Camp Director, 1 Tanglewood Road, Lincolnville, ME 04849. Fax: 207-789-5220. Email: jessica.decke@maine.edu or apply online at: extension.umaine.edu/Tanglewood

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