Audubon Discovery Camp Counselor; AmeriCorps Summer Associate VISTA

Job Location: Shepherdstown, West Virginia; Charles town, West Virginia
Employment Start Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Employment End Date: August 4, 2023.

Job Description:
The Audubon Discovery Camp is a ten week-long summer day camp that runs from 8 am to 4 pm each day. Camp session themes differ each week and camps are held at Yankauer Preserve (between Martinsburg and Shepherdstown, WV) and Cool Spring Preserve (south of Charles Town, WV). Counselors supervise small groups of children (generally 8-10 children, ages 6-10; we also offer a few sessions for pre-teens and preschoolers) and lead them through hands-on nature exploration activities. The camp focuses on natural and cultural history as kids explore forests and fields, build forts, turn over rocks and logs, and play games. Counselors will lead hands-on activities, games and crafts as well as lead children on hikes, teach local natural history, promote sustainability, and help foster an appreciation for nature in children. Counselors develop their own program activities and daily itineraries. Training and all supplies and materials are provided. Required First Aid/CPR certification is provided.

Job Requirements:
- At least 18 years of age.
- Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 – 4:00, during the weeks of camp
- Positive role model and desire to work with children
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work independently, and with co-counselors
- Must be responsible and have good decision making skills.
- Outdoor-related interests/skills including: arts & crafts, hiking, fort building, local natural history, Leave No Trace, primitive survival skills
- Task-oriented, takes direction well, shows initiative, and has the ability to interact and communicate effectively with children and young adults
- Willingness to be outside all day, no matter the weather!!!!!!
- Enthusiasm for working with children, a sense of humor, flexibility & desire to have fun!
- Teaching, natural history, and science background preferred

Employer: The Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS)
PVAS is dedicated to preserving, restoring, and enjoying the natural world through education and action. PVAS offers a wide range of programs and activities that are aimed at promoting greater understanding and appreciation of the natural world for youth, adults, and families such as field trips to natural areas, summer camps, monthly lectures, school programs and many others.

This position is through the AmeriCorps Summer Associate VISTA Program. If you are hired for this position, you will have to complete a separate application through the AmeriCorps program. You will be required to submit weekly timesheets, and an end of service evaluation. The payment you receive for the counselor position is provided by the AmeriCorps program and will be as follows:
- A Living Allowance to cover necessities during service for the amount of $2,395.40
- A $1,311.11 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or Summer End of Service Cash Stipend for the amount of $345.00

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