

Marine Science Summer Educator

\$660 biweekly + room and board
Anticipated Start Date: May 10, 2021

Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Chincoteague Bay Field Station is the residential field station of the Marine Science Consortium. We are located near a wealth of ecologically significant and environmentally rich habitats, such as productive saltmarshes, pristine barrier island beaches, peaceful cypress swamps, and sheltering maritime forests. The Chincoteague Bay Field Station provides outstanding multi-disciplinary, educational and research opportunities that celebrate the rich natural, cultural, economic, and technological resources of the mid-Atlantic Coastal region through field-based and hands-on learning, often in affiliation with multiple public and private partners. To accomplish this mission, the Field Station provides a unique set of educational and research experiences; expands research collaborations among member universities, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and other public and private partners; and expands and enhance programs for pre-college, university, and adult learners.

Summer Camp

CBFS offers a variety of summer camps and courses that give all campers a hands-on, feet-wet experience. Educators will be responsible for leading Day Camp programs, which are offered to students age 5-15. Educators will also lead activities for overnight camps. Our residential marine science camp is for students age 8-18 to stay for 5 nights at our on-campus dorms. Camp activities include all of our traditional marine science topics as well as arts, sports, and team building. Our campers have a blast exploring Virginia's Eastern Shore & barrier islands through courses led by Summer Educators. Throughout the week, they will share meals, classes, and evening activities with our staff and fellow campers. It's a great experience for campers to interact with others who are also interested in marine science and the outdoors.

Summer Educators will alternate leading both day and overnight camps. While working with overnight camps, educators will be responsible for leading daily programs and staying overnight with campers, with some off time during the week. While working day camps, educators will be responsible for running daily programs, with evenings off.



CBFS is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages minority applicants.

Job Responsibilities

- Leading Day Camp & Overnight Camp programs
- Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of campers at all times
- Supervising camp participants during free time, evenings, overnight, during meals, and between activities
- Acting as a role model for campers in attitude and behavior
- Planning and executing the final camp of the summer (3-day camp for 10-12 year olds) with the assistance of the Summer Camp Director. Will have the opportunity to design summer camp classes and curriculum
- Greeting parents/guardians and participants on check-in and check-out days
- Planning and leading all free time and evening activities for campers, including: campfires, ice cream socials, tie-dyeing, game night, and a weekly Citizen Science night
- Assisting with any camper issues such as homesickness, disagreements, behavior issues, etc.
- Administering medications as needed
- In charge of set- up, take down, cleaning and organizing program areas
- Drive Field Station vehicles including 15 passenger vans and school buses. (Commercial Driver's License must be obtained as part of training). Will learn to drive Field Station kayak trailers
- Prepare equipment, labs, and housing for use. In charge of clean up for labs and equipment after use
- Enforce Field Station protocols and rules on Field Station property and in the field
- Clean and provide routine maintenance for field and lab equipment. Clean and maintain aquaria
- Responsible for customer service for program participants
- Actively interact with and supervise participants, giving them undivided attention
- General program maintenance tasks as needed

Skills Gained

Marine Science Summer Educators will gain

- Group management techniques and public speaking skills
- Experience providing 24hr care for children aged 8-18
- Practice in planning and implementing activities and educational curricula
- Experience in environmental education and understanding of the dynamic ecosystems of a barrier island
- Professional and social networks within the environmental education field

Requirements

- Must be 21 or older by May 10, 2021
- Must have a degree or be working towards a degree in Education, Outdoor Recreation, Biology, Marine Biology, Environmental Sciences or other relevant fields
- Teaching experience and/or leadership experience in informal education
- Ability to connect with, encourage, and direct participants of all ages
- Must enjoy contact with people and children -- educators will be living in the dorms with the campers
- Must be friendly, energetic, creative, and motivational
- Ability to think fast, make decisions and enforce rules
- Willingness to work long hours with program participants in various weather conditions
- Valid driver's license with 2 or fewer moving violations in the past 2 years and no DUI or DWI charges
- Must be willing and able to obtain a VA Commercial Driver's License and drive full-size school buses and 15 passenger vans after starting position
- Current First Aid and CPR or ability to get certified before May 10, 2021



Physical Requirements:

- Ability to lift 50 lbs repeatedly
- Ability to walk a mile on uneven terrain
- Ability to stand and work for long periods of time
- Ability to work long days and on weekends
- Ability to learn how to handle and work with equipment on vessels
- Ability to work in extreme conditions (heat, cold, mosquitoes)

Benefits:

- Competitive salary: \$660/bi-weekly
- On-site staff housing provided: furnished 800 sq. ft. two bedroom apt, one bathroom, kitchen and living room, central heat and A/C, shared with max. one roommate.
- On-station meals when cafeteria is open
- Free laundry facility attached to housing
- Opportunities for continued professional development and networking

The anticipated start date is May 10th, 2021

This position is expected to run from May until August, with the possibility of extension until mid-November, pending COVID-19 restrictions.

To Apply: Please submit all application materials to the address below. Email is preferred. Feel free to contact with any questions. Subject line should read: Summer Educator Position Application

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- 3 references (professional or academic)

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