

Job Posting

Position Title Summer Day Camp Naturalist

Company/Organization Yampatika

Company/Organization Address 925 Weiss Dr
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

Date position is available. 6/6/22

Date position opening will be closed. 4/15/22

Is this a volunteer opportunity or a paid position? Paid Position

Salary/Wage Range \$150/Day

Position Overview

Yampatika seeks caring, engaging, and creative individuals to join our summer day camp team from June 6 to August 19. Yampatika's mission is "to inspire environmental stewardship through education," and our day camp is one of the big ways that we further that mission. Our goal is to provide a fun, safe, and engaging space for kids in the Yampa Valley to spend time outdoors and build positive relationships with our staff, fellow campers, and nature. If you have a passion for the outdoors and for inspiring youth to connect with the natural world, come explore with us!

Summer camp naturalists work as a team during one week of training and ten weeks of outdoor-based day camp to care for and teach children ages 5-11 years old. Day Camp sessions run Monday through Friday, 8-5 except when an overnight is scheduled (this will be on Thursdays for our oldest group of kids). Under the direction of the Camp and Family Programs Manager, you will be responsible for managing the safety and the schedule of the kids in your care along with other Summer Day Camp Staff. Each staff is responsible for helping to plan and lead activities, games, and field trips according to the weekly themes and for delivering high-quality, science-based environmental education in an inspiring and professional manner. Summer Camp Naturalists may assist with other programming on occasion and are responsible for assisting in daily site maintenance. Compensation is \$150 per day. Additional rate will be paid for Overnight responsibilities. Yampatika summer camp is based out of Legacy Ranch in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Responsibilities and Qualifications

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

Responsible for the care of up to 12 kids along with a fellow summer staff member.

Confidence in leading many different types of programming for school-age children including but not limited to hikes, games, arts and crafts, inquiry-based activities, nature play, investigations, and other educational activities.

Safely transporting kids in a 15-passenger van.

Maintain friendly, professional, and engaging presence with both children and adults through proper uniform and interaction in the field and on-site

Ensure that the safety and wellbeing is always a priority; manage children's safety in outdoor settings using good supervision, judgement, and decision-making; administer and document first aid as needed.

Work cooperatively with clear and timely communication with other staff and supervisors. Participate in weekly camp staff meetings.

Help plan and prepare lessons and activities based on curriculum and resources provided.

Work with other Camp Naturalists to submit prepared lessons, activities, and supply lists to the Camp Director at least 5 days in advance of a program.

Cultivate an inclusive community that honors the different backgrounds, needs, and identities of both kids and fellow staff.

Assist in the maintenance of supplies, safety, and cleanliness of Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch and communicate all repair/maintenance needs of the Ranch to the Camp Director ASAP.

Assist or lead interpretive hikes or other community programs when not with Summer Camp.

They are supervised by the Camp and Family Programs Manager.

Have fun working with young people in the natural world!

Required Skills and Qualifications

Must be at least 18 years old and able to successfully pass a background check.

Prior experience or enthusiasm for working with children ages 5-11 years of age.

Passion for Yampatika's mission and desire to increase knowledge of Rocky Mountain ecology.

Must be dependable, responsible, organized, and adaptable team player willing to accept new tasks and feedback

Excellent communication skills in order to coordinate logistics and program needs with both the program director and other summer staff.

Current driver's license and safe driving record for the past 3 years.

CPR/First Aid or ability to obtain as part of employment

Ability to lift 40 lbs. and hike up to 5 miles on varied terrain carrying a day pack.

Be prepared to work in an outdoor setting in all weather conditions, rain or shine.

All Summer Day Camp Staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before the start of camp on June 6th.

Preferred Skills & Qualifications

Previous experience working at a summer camp or in the daily care of children.

Previous experience working in outdoor education, interpretation, natural history, education, or related field.

Wilderness First Aid or higher certification

How to Apply:

To apply, please visit yampatika.org/employment and fill out an application. Then send a resume and cover letter to Reece Wells, Camp and Family Programs Manager, reece@yampatika.org.

Position Posting Contact Information

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