

Seasonal Naturalist (Summer PM)

The Mercer County Park Commission seeks a Seasonal Naturalist to join the environmental education team in leading nature camp programs at Baldpate Mountain, Mercer County Park, and the Tulpehaking Nature Center. Nature Camp programs encourage children to explore the outdoors during hikes through the forest, hands-on experiments, and nature craft projects. The seasonal Naturalist will be responsible for the safety and supervision of a group of 12-15 children ages 6-14 and one or two assistant counselors throughout the camp day.

Dates: June 1 thru August 21 for 10-12 weeks; Mon-Fri. 12pm-6pm during camp weeks.

Wage: Hourly wage commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and lead the summer nature camp aftercare program from 3:30pm-5:30pm.
- Teach summer camp curriculum for elementary and middle school aged children.
- Prepare and clean up materials for camp lessons and activities.
- Maintain camp supplies and keep inventory.
- Assist with seasonal nature programs during non-camp weeks for a variety of audiences.
- Assist in development of educational materials; including signage, pamphlets, and social media updates.
- Assist with occasional trail work/maintenance.
- Assist the Summer Camp Coordinator and Environmental Education Director on other tasks as needed.

Qualifications:

- *Must be a resident of Mercer County*
- Experience with children and/or leading groups.
- Ability to work outdoors on trails with uneven terrain and in variable weather conditions.
- Enthusiastic about nature, the environment, and/or history, and interested in sharing that with others
- Must be people oriented, have a positive attitude, and the ability to professionally represent the Park Commission to the public
- Comfort working independently as a leader and part of a team; must be self-motivated
- Must have reliable transportation to camp locations.

How to apply: Please send a County application, cover letter and resume with two references to:

Kelly Rypkema

Director of Environmental Education

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Application deadline: Position open until filled.

Mercer County is an EOE/AA/ADA Employer.



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