Nature & Ecology Director

Reports to: Program Director and assigned Assistant Program Director

Program area: Nature Center

Supervises: Nature/Ecology Staff

Position Summary

The Nature/Ecology Director is responsible for the effective operation of the Nature/Ecology area of camp which teaches Energy, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Geology, Nature, Geocaching, Mammal Study, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Soil and Water Conservation, Space Exploration, Sustainability and Weather on a rotating schedule.

Requirements

- Must have a thorough knowledge of the above mentioned Merit Badges.
- Must be at least 18 years of age or older
- Must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- (Preferred) Prior Camp/Scouting leadership experience

Key Responsibilities

- Coordinates ecology and conservation programs at summer camp.
- Can develop activity based lesson plans for teaching the above Merit Badges with the help of Nature/Ecology staff.
- Is able to present a class in an engaging manner
- Provides instruction to the Scouts encouraging a respect for the environment and an understanding of the ecosystem.
- Is able to maintain discipline in a positive manner with both staff and scouts.
- Makes sure all staff members have prerequisite skills for teaching MBs and trains them where necessary.
- Supervises and trains counselors-in-training assigned to the Nature/Ecology area.
- Evaluates personal aptitude and effectiveness of staff members periodically during the season.
- Maintains proper supplies needed for Nature/Ecology merit badge work and other Nature/Ecology programs.
- Is fiscally responsible with program supplies.
- Works with the Ranger and other Area Directors to plan conservation projects for Scouts and units to do in camp. Provides a list of Projects to the Program Director and Ranger.
- Is responsible for camp-wide awareness of the camp's ecological system.
- Coordinates and carries out a plan for recycling throughout the camp.
- Is responsible for the safety of participants in the Nature/Ecology area, and ensures that the area is kept clean and organized.
- Keeps accurate records of scout attendance at all classes taught.
- Serves as a model of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Maintains positive morale at all times
- Promotes healthy living by example, especially the importance of hydration while at camp.
- Carries out any other duties as may be assigned by the Camp Director or Program Director.