



Windy City Park Rangers Day Camp – Ellensburg WA

Summer Camp Counselor (14 positions)

Job Description: The Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) is seeking full-time, camp counselors to facilitate summer camp experiences at KEEN’s Windy City Park Rangers program. All KEEN employees must show proof of COVID 19 Vaccination. No exceptions.

This position is for 40 hours per week at \$18.50/hour, with variable scheduling including some weekends. Priority will be given to candidates with verbal Spanish language proficiency. Training begins June 6, 2022 and camp runs June 20 through August 26, 2022. There may be some flexibility for weekend-only positions to accommodate those taking summer courses at Central WA University. Please inform us if that is of interest.

Background: KEEN’s Windy City Park Rangers offers 10 weeks of FREE summer camp programming in Ellensburg city parks for kids ages 5-13. Campers explore the natural features of the parks, while participating in traditional summer camp activities, like arts and crafts, games, swimming, and boating.

Applicants should have an interest in education, outdoor learning, natural resources, science, and working with children. Candidates should also be prepared for vigorous outdoor activity during the varying Central Washington summers, including heat, wind, and possible wildfire smoke.

The counselors will work closely with KEEN’s Environmental Education Director and Programming Supervisor to facilitate an age-appropriate and engaging curriculum.

Essential Position Functions: The primary responsibilities of the Windy City Park Rangers Camp Counselor will be to deliver nature and science education and programming for K-8th grade children. The Camp Counselor will:

- Facilitate learning that includes:
 - Weekly themed outdoor activities
 - Educational and recreational games
 - Field investigations
- Ensure supervision and safety of campers during activities
- Assist with collection of program assessment and evaluation data
- Work outdoors, during hot weather, cold weather, and all conditions, in vigorous and athletic situations
- Possess boating, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor skills or a willingness to learn and engage
- Be able to confidently share experiential learning opportunities (identifying local flora and fauna, climate, habitat, and other natural interpretive opportunities encountered in Kittitas County)
- Comply with dress code including wearing of KEEN/Windy City branded items
- Conduct themselves professionally and commit to the entire summer of work

Required Skills and Qualifications: The successful candidate will be:

- Dependable, self-motivated, and well-organized



- Experience working with children ages 5-13
- Able to manage outdoor learning experiences, identify safety concerns, and comply with relevant safety policies
- In possession of a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and a reliable vehicle
- Able to pass a criminal background check to work with youth.

Desired Qualifications:

- Verbal proficiency in Spanish
- Experience or education in Environmental, Science, or Elementary Education, or related field
- Experience in day camp and informal education environments
- First aid/CPR training (provided, if needed)
- ARC Lifeguarding certified

Position Duration, Schedule, & Benefits: This is a 40 hour/week, seasonal position that begins June 6, 2022 and ends August 31, 2022. Candidate must be able to commit to the entire duration of the program. The rate for Camp Counselor is \$18.50/hour. KEEN does not offer health care benefits or paid time off, however, every employee in the State of Washington is entitled to 1 hour of sick leave for every 40 hours worked. Though these sick leave hours accrue, they are not accessible until after 90 days of employment and so are not available during this seasonal position.

To Apply: A complete application will include a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references emailed to carlynsaunders@keenetwork.org.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

About KEEN: KEEN's mission is to cultivate an active awareness and understanding of the endangered shrub-steppe, provide nature-based education for all ages, and strengthen commitment to environmental stewardship. Our main project is to establish the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center (YCIC) at Helen McCabe Memorial Park near Ellensburg, WA.