Camp Counselor

Title: Camp Counselor	Reports to: Education Manager, Field Educator
Hours: 8:30 - 4:00 (Camp runs from 9am- 3pm) June through August	Status: Seasonal

Education Team Description:

Merck Forest and Farmland Center's (MFFC) Education Team is responsible for ensuring that all constituents (visitors, participants, volunteers, etc.) have access to high quality, mission focused opportunities to deepen their connection to the land by exploring ecosystem structure and processes, observing and participating in regenerative agriculture and sustainable forestry, and developing a personal land ethic.

Position Description: Under the supervision of the Field Educator, a camp counselor is responsible for assisting in the planning, conducting and supervising of a variety of activities for campers in Grades 1 - 6 in a day camp setting, as well as assisting in the care and supervision of the campers assigned to their group.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the oversight of a group of campers and attend to their needs and report behavior problems to the Field Educator.
- Assist in organizing, collecting, and transporting necessary supplies to the day camp site.
- Assist in organizing and supervising games, crafts, and camp activities.
- Assist in the clean-up of all activities and camp program areas, including protecting equipment, facilities, and natural environment from abuse and damage by campers and staff.
- Report defective equipment / supplies to the Field Educator and ensure the proper use and safety of all equipment.
- Notify the Field Educator of any problems that arise within your camp group in a timely manner.
- Assist in the enforcement of established rules to ensure the safety of campers and staff in a positive manner.

Expectations:

- Act in a positive manner with campers, parents, and staff.
- Act as a positive role model for campers.
- Commit to a child-focused community.
- Take initiative to analyze and problem solve.
- Be flexible and ready to meet changing work needs and demands.
- Be open to feedback and desire to grow.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 15 years old.
- First Aid and CPR training (training will be provided, if needed)
- Ability to work as a team.
- An interest in working with children in an outdoor setting. Experience, while helpful, is not required.
- Attend staff training prior to the start date.
- Read and become familiar with the MFFC Program Handbook.
- Willingness to spend extended hours outside in variable conditions.
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Special Demands:

- Able to hike 3 5 miles
- Able to carry a minimum of 25 pounds.