Junior Camp Counselor

Title: Junior Camp Counselor	Reports to: Education Manager, Field Educator
Hours: 8:30 - 4:00 (Camp runs from 9am-3pm)	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, conduction and supervision 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.