



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands

Job Description: Summer Camp Counselor

*Baltimore Woods Nature Center fosters environmental stewardship of our natural world by offering immersive programs and a place in Central New York for everyone to cultivate appreciation for and personal connections to nature through environmental education, recreation, play, and research.
We put nature in your hands.*

Baltimore Woods Nature Center is a non-profit organization located in Marcellus, NY, that has been dedicated to the mission of connecting individuals and communities with nature for over 50 years. Located on 182 acres of land, the Baltimore Woods Preserve is home to the John A. Weeks Interpretive Center and includes six miles of trails that lead visitors through various stages of successional forest including a pond, valleys, wetlands, and streams. Each year, over 20,000 individuals visit Baltimore Woods Nature Center to hike the trails, attend a public program or event, participate in a field trip or work project, or engage in nature day camps.

For over 30 years, our summer nature day camp program has helped children connect to the natural world in real and meaningful ways. Campers spend as much time as possible outside, in the woods and on the trails learning about nature by experiencing it firsthand, at their own pace. Weeklong day camp adventures promote discovery, physical fitness, problem-solving skills, social interaction, and awareness through direct contact with the natural world. **We are currently seeking experienced and engaging individuals to join our team of dedicated camp counselors who are the core of our summer nature day camp programming.**

Primary Job Responsibilities

- Provide nature-related programming for the children in your camp group and participate in daily camp activities with the campers.
- Be on-site during camp hours, 8:30-3:30.
- Coordinate and oversee daily camp activities with your camp volunteer, adhering to all health and safety procedures as outlined in the camp manual.
- Help create a summer camp that is educational and safe, ensuring a friendly and secure experience for all children attending the Baltimore Woods Nature Center Summer Nature Day Camp program.
- Other duties as requested.

Qualifications

- 21 years or older
- Current teaching certificate preferred, and/or two seasons experience working with children in a camp setting.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Understanding of natural science themes, nature-play, and interpretation.
- Have reliable transportation.
- Current First Aid Responding to Emergencies (or equivalent) certification and CPR for the Professional Rescuer (with AED) certification. Training is provided if needed.
- Ability to work a minimum of 7 weeks during the summer (July and August) including training starting June 29.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to:

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