



Job Title:	Nature Specialist
Location:	Mount Gilead, OH
Job Class:	Seasonal, Temporary
Job Timeline:	June-August 2019
Reports to:	Activities Coordinator

Nature Specialist

The Nature Specialist is responsible for creating safe, age-appropriate, adapted programming that is focused on outdoor education for campers aged 8-15 years old. This staff member will create dynamic and detailed lesson plans and will be responsible for supervising volunteers each session.

Team Overview:

The Program Team brings the camp experience to life by creating programs, building community and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all camp participants. The team creates accessible and developmentally-appropriate programs and recruits, processes and supports a large team of volunteers and seasonal staff. In adherence with laws and camp governing bodies; they develop, plan and implement camp emergency procedures and policies.

Responsibilities:

- Attend Seasonal Leadership Training (June 3-12, 2019)
- Design and implement educationally-driven programming for nature (discovery and outdoor education) and other program areas as needed
- Modify and adapt all nature activities due to inclement weather, medical needs or other variables
- Enforce safety regulations in nature areas
- Ensure that all supplies are safely stored and maintained
- Collaborate with the Activities Coordinator in the preparation, purchase order and record-keeping of inventory of supplies in assigned areas
- Support, lead and evaluate nature volunteers
- Submit weekly nature plans to supervisor

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

- Ability to move across camp grounds and between buildings and activity areas multiple times each day
- Ability to coordinate a multi-faceted program for campers aged 8-16 years with varying physical and developmental abilities
- Ability to create an outcomes-based curriculum for assigned program area
- Responsible for the safety and supervision of all participants in their care
- Ability to live on site
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.

Preferred Skills, Qualifications & Experience

- Experience with fundamentals of outdoor education (i.e. ecological, zoological, and biological concepts)
- Experience leading backpacking, canoeing, and/or outpost camping trips (preferred)
- Background in sustainability or environmental education (preferred)

Expectations & Requirements for all Flying Horse Farms Staff

- We live our Core Values - we are each responsible for knowing our values and nurturing our culture
- We practice Safety First - we are each responsible for knowing and adhering to the policies and procedures as described in the FHF staff manual
- We See the Best in Each Other - we are each responsible for ensuring our working relationships with co-workers, volunteers, Board members, families, campers and other stakeholders are positive and professional
- We show up - we are each responsible for our schedules, meetings and any other duties

Why work at Flying Horse Farms? Quotes from the team:

- *“Camp doesn’t just change the lives of the campers for the better. It also changes the lives of every person involved. It helps us see the value of the human person, spreading a culture of acceptance to every person who passes through the gates.”*
- *“This was one of the most cohesive staffs I have been a part of. I felt comfortable around everyone and thought the team did a great job of supporting one another. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a variety of staff members and felt welcomed right away.”*

How to Apply:

<https://flyinghorsefarms.org/get-involved/seasonal-positions/>

Flying Horse Farms provides magical, transformative camp experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families – free of charge. Located on 200 acres in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, camp first opened its gates in 2010 and hosts about 900 children and families each year.

Flying Horse Farms is the first camp in the Midwest to become a full member of the SeriousFun Children’s Network. Founded in 1988 by actor, philanthropist and Ohio native Paul Newman, the Network is a community of independently managed and financed camps and programs creating opportunities for children with serious illnesses and their families. The Network has evolved from one camp to a global community serving one million children and families across five continents.

The children who attend camp have illnesses including cancer, heart conditions, rheumatoid arthritis, blood disorders, asthma, gastrointestinal disorders and facial anomalies.

At Flying Horse Farms, for a weekend or week at a time, being sick takes a backseat to being a kid. And fun is priority number one. Campers participate in activities like swimming, boating, fishing, archery, high ropes and arts and crafts. Campers receive first-rate care at our on-site health center, staffed 24/7 by medical professionals from children’s hospitals across Ohio and beyond.

Flying Horse Farms is an ACA-Accredited Camp with the American Camp Association.