

## UW-Extension Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center N194 County Rd N Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

## **Summer Environmental Educator**

Do you have passion for the outdoors and teaching others about it? This is the job for you! Work for UW-Extension and spend your days hiking and canoeing while teaching children in a beautiful setting right on the Wisconsin River. This position is a great way to broaden your skills by teaching natural and cultural programs, outdoor recreation and low challenge course initiatives, as well as learning to schedule and coordinate.

<u>Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center</u> is a residential facility operated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and located on the magnificent Wisconsin River, two miles north of Wisconsin Dells. The site consists of 14 buildings that supply lodging, meals and environmental education resources year round for 4-H youth and youth leaders. The center rests on 310 acres of forested land including Black Hawk Island, a 210-acre designated State Natural Area. This wooded property is considered one of the few remaining "old growth" natural areas of the state. The rock cliffs, shady canyons, caves and sandy beaches feature a variety of flora, fauna and unique geologic and cultural history. Go to <a href="https://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/uphamwoods">www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/uphamwoods</a> for more information.

**Responsibilities:** Teach a variety of environmental education programs with an emphasis on the wildlife, natural and cultural history and ecology of the forests and rivers of Wisconsin, care for and feed science center animals, facilitation of low challenge course initiatives courses, life guard swimming and assist in the general operation of the center.

**Qualifications:** Ability to work in a team setting with enthusiasm and creativity and the desire to teach environmental education to summer 4-H camp groups. Applicants must have obtained at least a sophomore standing in college. A Bachelor or Associate degree in education, natural science, biology, environmental education or a related field preferred. Applicants should be lifeguard, CPR and First Aid certified or be willing to obtain these certifications before employment. Preference will be given to applicants with lifeguard certification, as well as training and/or experience in environmental education, natural resources or youth development. Applicant must also be able to pass a standard criminal background check.

**Compensation:** From \$260-\$290/week, plus room and partial board. Salary increases with educational degrees and additional certifications. Staff housing includes individual bedrooms and bathrooms, comfortable shared living rooms with TV and DVD player, furnished kitchen, and in-house Neptune washer and dryer.

This is a seasonal position beginning May 26 and continuing through August 21, 2015. The contract can be extended for a second season with a simple reapplication process.

**To Apply:** Submit via email or USPS a resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of at least three references to the address below. In your cover letter please indicate the season(s) for which you are applying.

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