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## Now Hiring for Summer 2019!



### Program Dates:

Our 2019 season begins with staff orientation from **Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Camp then runs from **Monday, Jul 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. There is no camp on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Seeking: Camping Trip Leaders, Day Hiker Leaders, WSI/Lifeguards, Counselors, and Activity Leaders

Are you looking for a summer experience with a focus on connecting children to the natural world?

Do you dream of a job that expands and hones your skills, while allowing you to grow personally-- all in the great outdoors?

Do you find yourself checking for hidden trolls when crossing over old wooden bridges?

If you're saying "Yeah!!!" to all of these questions, The Nature Place could be your place!



Read on for more details about our program and to see which of our positions might be right for you...



Our mission: to support and grow each camper and staff member's connection to self, to others, and to the earth.

The Nature Place Day Camp is an ACA accredited, **nature-oriented** and **non-competitive** summer day camp for children ages 4-16, located on 200 acres in Rockland County, New York. Campers come to us from Rockland, Westchester and Bergen counties, as well as from Manhattan and Brooklyn. A typical day at camp is built around **playing, learning, and growing outdoors**, with friends, through hands-on, pressure-free programming supported by a well-trained staff.

That's where you come in.

The Nature Place's staff is made up of highly motivated, earth-loving individuals who possess **strong work ethics** and a desire to create **magic** and fun wherever they go. We're looking for responsible, caring people who can be **silly**, who can put in long days and keep a **positive attitude**, and who want to make a difference in a child's summer, and beyond!

If this sounds like you, read on to see Job Descriptions for our open positions!



# Camping Department: Overnight Trip Leaders

Our camping program is progressive in the skills we teach and the trips on which we embark. Our very youngest campers learn basic camping skills and go on an Almost Overnight on our campus. Beginning at age 8, campers increase their skill level, go out for longer periods of time and undertake more challenging outdoor adventures. On-Site overnights, one-night and two-night backpacking trips, flat-water canoeing, and Delaware River camping/canoeing adventures are some of the trips that campers experience as they get older.

Our camping staff is experienced, competent, gentle and encouraging, following our 'roughing it easy' philosophy. We do not approach the outdoors with the idea that we are going out to 'conquer' something, but rather that we are going out to open up to something even greater than ourselves.

## Responsibilities:

- Lead out-of-camp trips, accompanied by group counselors
- Ensure campers' health and safety, administering First Aid and camper medication when necessary
- Teach Outdoor Living Skills and Minimal Trace Camping techniques to campers
- Participate in trip planning and scout all trip location prior to trip date
- Maintain records related to trips i.e. Incident reports, group journals
- Monitor both campers and counselors in proper use of equipment

## Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- Documented training and experience in outdoor living skills and camping activities
- Current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and professional CPR certifications by program start date
- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors
- Experience on trips of similar size, duration, locale, mode of travel and program focus
- Ability to teach skills to staff and campers of all ages
- Ability to supervise staff and campers
- Good character, integrity and adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor and self-control

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## Big Benefits:

Competitive Salary • Weekends off • Make friends to last a lifetime • Explore Harriman State Park, as well as our beautiful 200-acre site on the grounds of a Waldorf community

# Camping Department: Day Hike Leader/Naturalist



Our full-day hiking trips take us to places (mostly in Harriman State Park) like mountaintops, Native American rock shelters, old iron mines and "hidden" ponds. Each hike offers a bit of adventure, exercise, some challenges, plenty of rest stops, a new awareness of our environment and a chance to go places and see things many people do not usually experience. All hikes are geared to the age and ability of the campers in terms of interest, mileage and terrain.

When at camp, our Naturalists guide campers in hands-on nature exploration on our 200-acre site. Fields, swamps, streams, and forests are all at our fingertips.

## Responsibilities:

- Lead off-site day hikes, accompanied by group counselors
- Participate in trip planning and scout all hike locations prior to hike date
- Maintain records related to hikes i.e. Incident reports

## Qualifications:

- At least 21 years of age
- Documented training and experience in leading hikes
- Current Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and professional CPR certifications by program start date
- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors
- Ability to teach skills to staff and campers of all ages
- Ability to supervise staff and campers
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# Waterfront: Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards

Every day in camp, when not away on a day hike or overnight, campers will go down to "The Pond"--our filtered and chlorinated pool that looks like a pond--for a 50 minute period of swim instruction and free swim.

Over half of every swim period is devoted to instruction. Our waterfront staff of certified lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors follows the American Red Cross Progression of Swimming Skills. We pride ourselves on helping each individual camper acquire new and improved skills.

## Responsibilities:

- Know and teach ARC Progression of Swim Skills program in coordination with NPDC's aquatics program
- Be on guard duty when not needed for instruction
- Direct staff to assist in lessons
- Conduct daily check of area and equipment for safety, cleanliness and good repair
- Keep records on all participants, help them progress from beginner to advanced levels
- Evaluate aquatic abilities of staff and campers

## Qualifications:

- At least 17 years of age
- Current certifications in American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor **and/or** Life Guard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Standard First Aid or the equivalent accepted by the NYS Health Department
- Ability to relate to one's peer group
- Ability to accept guidance and supervision
- Good character, integrity and adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Desire and ability to work with children and adults in camp setting
- Ability to creatively and flexibly work with programs, facilities and staff

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# Camp Counselor: openings for all age groups



Our camp program includes nature exploration, gardening, cooking, art, archery, farming, music, drama, games, swimming, camping, storytelling, climbing and more! Our Activity Leaders lead these various programs, and our counselors are tasked with supporting them, as well as participating, and supervising their group of campers. Counselors also have opportunities to lead their own activities with their group. Groups are co-ed and are made up of around 15 to 18 kids, grouped by age.

Being a counselor means being a role model. Campers adore their counselors and will want to be just like you! Being a counselor also means helping maintain a positive environment within the group, working effectively with your co-counselors, resolving minor conflicts among campers, and most of all having FUN and being SAFE!

Live in Manhattan, Westchester, or Brooklyn? See next page for Bus Counselor info!

## Responsibilities:

- Supervise all aspects of the campers' day and participate fully, assist in teaching activities
- Supervise camper health and enforce camp safety regulations
- Model positive behaviors, action, and appropriate dress
- Integrate the camp philosophy in all aspects of the campers' day
- Recognize and respond to opportunities for problem solving within the group
- Provide opportunities so that each individual experiences success during camp
- Daily clean up and care of your group's indoor and outdoor spaces

## Qualifications:

- At least 17 years of age
- Desire and ability to work with children, indoors and out
- Experience working with children
- Ability to relate to one's peer group
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance
- Ability to teach or assist in teaching an activity
- Good character, integrity and adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor and self-control
- Strong communication skills

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# Bus Counselors

Some of our camp counselors also serve as bus counselors. We bus from all over Manhattan and Brooklyn, as well as from Westchester and Bergen Counties. Campers get picked up and dropped off at centralized stops in the morning and afternoon. If you live in Manhattan, Brooklyn, or Westchester, we would likely hire you as a bus counselor.

As a bus counselor, you get picked up at or near your home, before the campers, and dropped off again at the end of the day. The bus counselor role includes:

- Supervision of campers on the bus, attendance, clear and safe dismissal procedures;
- Fun! Counselors lead games, songs, puzzles, nature scavenger hunts up the Palisades Parkway, and more;
- Communication with parents whenever there's anything that should be relayed regarding the bus and logistics

# Activity Leaders/Specialists

Our activity leaders/specialists provide the programming that makes camp, well, camp! They create and execute fun and engaging activities with groups of campers (assisted by group counselors). As an activity leader, you get to work with all ages—an exciting and rewarding challenge.

Do you have specialized skills in areas such as Rock Climbing, Outdoor Living and/or Primitive Skills, Archery, Art, Nature Studies, Gardening, or Team Building and Non-Competitive Game Facilitation?

If so, be sure to indicate this on your application, and we may consider you for one of these positions!





# Ready to apply?

Please visit our employment page at [thenatureplace.com/staff](http://thenatureplace.com/staff) where you'll find a link to our online application.

We are hiring now. After reviewing your application we will be in touch about setting up an interview ASAP.

The Nature Place Day Camp is committed to diversity and anti-racism. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

## We can't wait to hear from you!



## Questions?

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