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Marine Educator Summer Position *Job Description*

Overview

The **Marine Educator** at Sea Turtle Camp is a vital role designed for passionate, multi-talented individuals dedicated to providing exceptional marine science education and supervision to campers aged 13-17. Campers are academically driven students selected through a rigorous application process. Marine Educators will play a key role in fostering stewardship, teaching, and inspiring youth while ensuring a safe, engaging, and educational experience for campers. This position requires teamwork, adaptability, and leadership, working alongside Unit Leaders, Site Directors, and Sea Turtle Camp staff.

Key Responsibilities

Marine Educators are expected to maintain professionalism, punctuality, and strong organizational skills to facilitate enriching camp activities. Responsibilities include:

- ❖ Supervising and instructing campers during marine science programs, including hands-on lessons and field activities.
- ❖ Leading educational programs on marine biology topics, including nest patrols, sunrise/sunset turtle walks, and discussions on marine conservation.
- ❖ Assisting with camp setup, breakdown, and logistical tasks such as transportation in 15-passenger vans.
- ❖ Collaborating with team members to develop and present marine science curriculum.
- ❖ Serving as a mentor and positive role model for campers, ensuring their needs are met and fostering inclusivity.
- ❖ Addressing camper behavior and emergency situations with sound judgment and clear communication.
- ❖ Maintaining professional relationships with Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital staff, volunteers, and community partners.
- ❖ Preparing for and participating in daily team meetings to address camper logistics and schedules.
- ❖ Overseeing safety protocols, medication administration, and dietary preferences for campers.

Minimum Requirements

- ❖ Bachelor's degree (or current enrollment) in marine biology, environmental science, education, or related field.
- ❖ Minimum age: 21 years.
- ❖ Excellent physical fitness; ability to lift 50 lbs and complete a 500-yard open-ocean swim.
- ❖ Current (or ability to obtain) certifications in Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid.
- ❖ Experience in marine science, environmental education, or summer camp settings.
- ❖ Clean driving record and ability to pass a background check.
- ❖ Strong communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills.

Preferred Skills

- ❖ Master's degree in a related field.
- ❖ Wilderness First Aid Certification.

- ❖ Experience working with sea turtles or similar conservation efforts.
- ❖ Familiarity with southeastern marine ecosystems.
- ❖ Teaching certification or environmental education experience.
- ❖ Creative problem-solving abilities and a passion for mentoring youth.

Benefits

- ❖ Weekly stipend: \$350–\$400, commensurate with experience.
- ❖ Accommodations with ocean views and meals valued at \$2,000.
- ❖ On-site training covering organizational policies, safety protocols, and program delivery.

Contract Duration

The position runs from **late May to early August** at Topsail Island, NC. Mandatory staff training takes place in late May. Additional opportunities for specialty and travel positions may be available.

About Sea Turtle Camp

Sea Turtle Camp provides a transformative, immersive experience in marine biology for youth, combining hands-on activities and impactful education. With a focus on safety, learning, and fun, the program inspires confidence, character development, and environmental stewardship.

Contact

For more information or to apply, contact the Program Director at coordinator@seaturtlecamp.com.