

## **Glen Helen Ecocamp**

**Position Title:** Ecocamp Naturalist Counselor

**Position Reports To:** Outdoor Education Center Director

**Start Date:** June 4, 2023

**End Date:** August 5, 2023

**FLSA Status:** Seasonal Employee



### **Position Description**

Our team of Naturalist Counselors form a fun, passionate, engaged learning community who are interested in making a difference in the lives of children. This summer position will strengthen your ability to plan, teach, and lead, all in a beautiful 1,000+ acre nature preserve. Ecocamp consists of week-long day or overnight camps where Naturalist Counselors will plan and lead a trail group of 9-12 children between 5 to 15 years old. Naturalists rotate in as cabin counselors 2-3 nights each week, depending on the camp. We share the values of teamwork, being inclusive, growing new skills, learning together, and communicating well in order to work together effectively. Staff lives onsite in the midst of the beautiful 1,000-acre Glen Helen Nature Preserve. The vibrant and artistic Village of Yellow Springs is within walking distance. No vehicle is required for the job, but you are welcome to bring one.

The 2023 Ecocamp schedule and camp descriptions can be found at:  
<https://www.glenhelen.org/ecocamp>.

**Schedule:** Monday-Friday, and 1 Saturday (June 10<sup>th</sup> during Ecocamp training)

Training begins June 4. Camps run for 8 weeks from June 12 to August 4, with an altered program offered the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Develop and deliver environmental education experiences for campers each week
  - Write lesson plans that align with camp description
  - Implement a variety of age and ability appropriate activities in the natural environment of the preserve
  - Lead Trail Groups from Monday morning to Friday afternoon
- Monitor campers during their stay at camp to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all children attending Ecocamp
  - Comply with all health, wellness, and emergency procedures
  - Report safety and maintenance concerns to the appropriate personnel
  - Act as a role model for campers and fellow staff
- Participate in and lead recreational activities and evening programs
- Serve night rotations in cabins, from 1-4 nights each week, depending on camp
- Support overall camp operations through some daily and weekly responsibilities (primarily cleaning and sanitation of activity spaces and participation in weekly staff planning meetings)

## Benefits

- \$450 weekly stipend, paid bi-weekly
- Housing for 8 weeks of camp + 1 week of training
- 15 meals/week (weekday breakfast, lunch, and dinner) including accommodations for dietary restrictions and allergies
- Opportunity to strengthen teaching and naturalist skills
- Freedom to create activities and learning opportunities based on personal passions and interests
- Opportunities to work with our turtles and snakes, and learn about birds of prey at our Raptor Center
- Position may qualify for academic internship or Co-op credit.

## Qualifications

- Demonstrate a respect and affinity for children
- Demonstrate a passion for and connection to the natural environment
- Previous experience communicating and interacting with children individually and in a small group setting preferred
- Effective verbal communication skills and ability to communicate clearly, compassionately and diplomatically with a wide range of audiences (campers, parents, GHA staff and volunteers, etc.)
- Willing to live in community, work closely as a team, and act as a positive role model for campers
- Applicant must be patient, hardworking, flexible and able to react well under pressure
- Willing to be mentored and receive feedback

## Requirements

- Minimum - 18 years of age
- Ability to hike uneven terrain; most work associated with this position will occur outdoors in all weather
- First Aid and CPR certification must be completed prior to beginning employment.
- Must be fingerprinted and pass a FBI/Ohio BCI criminal background check prior to the start of training

## To Apply

Please complete an application (found here: <https://glenhelenecocamp.campbrainstaff.com/>) - you will be asked to answer several questions and upload three references to create your applicant profile. Once completed, you will have further access to upload a cover letter and updated resume to complete your application.

Please contact Sarah Cline, OEC Director, with any questions: [scline@glenhelenassociation.org](mailto:scline@glenhelenassociation.org), 937-767-7648

The Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center does not sponsor work visas, thus, in compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify eligibility to work in the United States by completing the required I-9 form upon hire.