POSITION TITLE: 2021 WonderCamp Teacher

REPORTS TO: Wonder Camp Director

STATUS: Part time temporary, 32.5 teaching hours per camp session. Each 5-day camp session is 6.5 hours per day (9 am – 4pm with 30-minute lunch break), Monday-Friday. Teachers may teach one or more sessions. Camps serve students entering grades K-8.

SALARY: $800 per week for full day, Monday - Friday camp session

BENEFITS: Free WonderLab membership, dual or basic family level; 50% camp fee discount for child of teacher registered for camp session or sessions equal to the number taught by parent.

CAMP DATES: June 1-4, June 7-11, June 14-18, June 21-25, June 28-July 2, July 5-9, July 12-16

CAMP LOCATION: Planned Locations are: University Elementary School; WonderLab Museum; WTIU TV Studios on the Indiana University campus (select weeks); UITS Cyberinfrastructure Building (select weeks); Kent Farm of Indiana University; and Hilltop Garden (select weeks). Other offsite locations may be included.

POSITION PURPOSE: The WonderCamp Teacher is responsible for planning and implementing one or more selected WonderCamp sessions; including classroom management of campers and camper safety in the classroom and other school areas.

WonderCamp’s purpose is to introduce children to the process of scientific inquiry in a fun, relaxed setting. Children will explore, observe, test, measure, design and discover. Children may learn scientific concepts new to them, but the camp focus is on the childhood work of play and science skills of curiosity, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking. Camp sessions take place in air-conditioned facilities when this is possible, and outdoors on school (or other location) grounds. Prioritizing health and safety in the time of Covid means that many to most 2021 camps will be held in outdoor settings, with available shelter for inclement weather. All camps involve extensive hands-on activities. An experienced teacher leads each camp, with help from trained high school interns. Approximately 16 children are enrolled per camp. The WonderCamp Director and four college administrative interns provide on-site support during the camp week.

Preliminary camp topics include: science and art, cybersecurity, cooking, engineering, gardening, math, physics, science of sound, nature, storybook science, and TV tech.

The WonderCamp Teacher reports to the WonderCamp Director and works closely with a team that also includes the Education Director, Camp Director Assistants, Camp Intern Coordinator and High School Camp Interns. Camp Teachers directly supervise 4-5 high-school Camp Interns assigned to each camp session.
WonderLab strives to provide an enriching safe space and is founded on values of inclusion and access. WonderLab is committed to creating a diverse camp environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer that considers diverse skill sets and experiences among applicants. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, marital or veteran status, or number of dependents.

Key Responsibility Area: Plan and implement selected WonderCamp sessions.
Specific Duties:

- Work with WonderLab education staff to plan an age-appropriate, fun and exciting week-long camp curriculum using hands-on activities that encourage the development of scientific inquiry skills through curiosity, creativity and problem-solving. Teachers will have access to prior WonderCamp curricula and lesson plans, curriculum support from WonderLab Education Director and an extensive supply inventory.
- Submit lesson plans and materials lists in advance of camp, by specified deadlines, to Camp and Education Directors. WonderLab staff will purchase all necessary materials and set them up in the camp classroom.
- Provide camp session information by deadline as needed to WonderCamp Director.
- Meet with WonderCamp Director in advance of camp to go over camp philosophy, camp procedures, health and safety guidelines and session planning.
- Attend mandatory teacher meeting at WonderLab (March / April).
- During camp session, implement all aspects of the camp curriculum to provide an outstanding camper experience, both educationally and socially.
- As the situation requires, implement WonderLab’s Covid health and safety guidelines for Camp, to include but not limited to wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance and frequent hand-washing.
- Provide quality camp classroom management. As needed, seek the assistance of WonderCamp Director for discipline or safety concerns and Education Director for child development concerns.
- Maintain a safe and secure environment for all campers throughout the session, in the classroom, other areas of the school and outdoors.
- Supervise and involve high-school Interns with camp activities in a positive and productive manner that provides an outstanding experience for campers and interns.
- Assist with recess camper supervision, as necessary.
- Follow general camp schedules and procedures.

Key Responsibility Area: Assist with evaluation of WonderCamp program.
Specific Duties:

- Provide a brief written evaluation of each high school Camp Intern as assigned (form provided).
- Provide a brief written evaluation of your Camp Teacher experience (form provided).

RELATIONSHIPS

Internal: Maintain close communications with WonderCamp Director, Education Director, Camp Director’s Assistant, High School Intern Coordinator, and other College Interns.
External: Maintain positive working relationships with other Camp teachers, Camp Interns, campers and families.

QUALIFICATIONS
Three years classroom teaching experience, or equivalent; experience in informal educational settings preferred.
- Educational background, or equivalent experience, in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Experience in leadership or teamwork.
- Experience working with youth and/or families.
- Friendly, professional and positive attitude; ability to work effectively with a variety of people.
- Physical ability to manage a classroom of 16 children in both indoor and outdoor environments, lift 20 pounds, withstand summer heat outdoors, and potentially wear a mask for extended periods.
- Willingness to follow and implement WonderLab Covid Safety Protocols.
- Proof of eligibility to work in the US.
- Valid driver’s license and reliable transportation to program locations.
- Three reference contacts.

Applicants should complete the WonderLab Job Application Form (available at museum front desk or at the museum web site www.wonderlab.org/about-wonderlab/job-opportunities), and send their resume either via email (colleen@wonderlab.org) or via mail:

WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology
Attn: Colleen Couper, WonderCamp Director
P.O. Box 996; 308 West 4th Street
Bloomington, IN 47404

Applicants must be able to show proof of eligibility to work in the United States. Position is a rolling hire open through January 31 or until all positions are filled.

Employees are subject to a criminal background check (active teachers may submit their school corporation background check). WonderLab galleries, offices and grounds are smoke-free environments.

WonderLab is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, marital or veteran status, or number of dependents, or any other legally protected status.

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