



Position Available:

Nature Day Camp Adventure Trip Leader

Status: *Full time, seasonal*

Application Deadline: February 1, 2025

Inspire children's love of the outdoors by leading adventure trips into Michigan's wilderness, including backpacking the Porcupine Mountains, navigating the Big Manistee River by canoe and exploring the sand dunes of South Manitou Island.

Job Summary: Join a team of creative, energetic professionals who work together to connect children with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. Chippewa Nature Center is in search of a Nature Day Camp (NDC) Adventure Trip Leader with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children by providing powerful, dynamic programs in the backcountry. The Adventure Trip Leader will lead 5- to 9-day programs, introducing campers ages 10-16 to backpacking, canoeing, kayaking and backcountry camping in the state of Michigan.

Objective: To develop and implement programming of predetermined adventure trips for campers to support and strengthen their relationships with the natural world.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Manage camper health and safety
2. Communicate with families regarding camper needs, safety concerns, dietary considerations and trip highlights/experiences
3. Determine specific routes for the predetermined trip locations
4. Plan, prepare and shop for meals
5. Provide day-to-day programming for youth ages 10-16
6. Communicate regularly with the Camp Director
7. Be an engaged member of the CNC team
8. Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- Experience working with youth in the outdoors
- Personal or professional experience backpacking, canoeing and/or kayaking and backcountry camping
- First aid and CPR certifications
- Valid chauffeur's license (can be obtained after hire)
- 18 years of age or older
- Physically able to lift 50 pounds
- Ability to work varied hours, including some weekends and evenings

Preferred Qualifications:

- Wilderness First Aid/First Responder and Lifeguard (or ability to become certified)
- Preference will be given to those who have earned or are working toward a degree in outdoor recreation, biology, ecology, environmental education or another related field
- Knowledge of local natural resources (ecology, identification of birds, plants, etc.)

Schedule: Paid staff training: May 19-June 3 and June 30- July 2. Camp sessions run June 4 through August 8 with no camp July 3-4. Weekend trip dates are July 12-13.

Salary & Benefits: Starting salary is \$600 per week (\$15/hr.) with additional stipends for overnight camps (\$60/night in the field), staff uniform, CNC membership, 20% discount in Nature Center Store, 10% discount on program fees.

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Application Procedure: Send cover letter and resume to Steve Frisbee, Camp Director at sfrisbee@chippewanaturecenter.org or 400 S Badour Road, Midland, MI 48640

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Overview: CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization. Its mission is *to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences*. The 1,500-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC's facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center store; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and over 19 miles of nature trails. See www.chippewanaturecenter.org for more information.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement: Chippewa Nature Center is committed to creating a workplace and visitor experience where all people feel valued for their unique attributes, characteristics, and perspectives. Staff, volunteers, program participants, visitors, and all those who engage with the nature center are invited to fully connect with CNC regardless of their race, color, age, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, ability, marital status, political affiliation, or parental status. Through ongoing learning, training, and listening, CNC strives to welcome all people.

Equal Opportunity Employment: CNC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against employees or job applicants on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, height, weight, handicap or disability, veteran status or any other status or condition protected by applicable state or federal laws.