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Marine Educator

Overview

Surf Camp, Inc. is seeking a passionate, service-oriented **Marine Educator** for our **Carolina Ocean Odyssey** overnight camp. As a **Marine Educator**, you will provide a life-changing ocean experience for campers by teaching marine science, ocean safety, and surfing fundamentals. Working as part of a dynamic team, you'll help inspire youth, foster a love for the ocean, and encourage environmental stewardship.

You will lead educational activities, supervise campers 24/7, and support a variety of logistical tasks, including equipment management and daily program facilitation. While surf instruction experience is not required, you must be proficient in surfing. All selected candidates will undergo our comprehensive in-house training and certification program. This position reports to the **Unit Leader** and works closely with the leadership team.

What You'll Do:

Marine Science & Surf Instruction

- ❖ Lead hands-on educational activities focused on marine science topics such as wave dynamics, ocean safety, surf etiquette, rip currents, barrier island ecology, and salt marsh functionality.
- ❖ Provide surf lessons and ocean safety instruction to campers, ensuring they develop confidence and learn safe surf practices.
- ❖ Teach campers about coastal ecosystems, marine life, and conservation efforts to inspire environmental stewardship.

Camper Supervision & Safety

- ❖ Provide 24-hour supervision of campers in bunk rooms and during field activities, ensuring their safety and well-being.
- ❖ Administer medication and monitor dietary preferences for campers as needed.
- ❖ Serve as a positive role model, displaying maturity, responsibility, and flexibility in all camper interactions.
- ❖ Oversee camper behavior, addressing any discipline issues and ensuring a respectful, fun environment for all participants.
- ❖ Safely transport campers in 15-passenger vans to and from activities and excursions.

Logistics & Equipment Management

- ❖ Assist with daily camp setup and breakdown, ensuring all activities are properly prepared and organized.
- ❖ Manage and maintain camp equipment, ensuring everything is in working order for each session.
- ❖ Help prepare facilities and clean vehicles at the end of each camp session.

Team Collaboration & Communication

- ❖ Attend and actively participate in daily staff meetings to address camper needs, schedule updates, and logistical details.
- ❖ Practice open communication with your team, providing feedback and addressing any issues immediately.
- ❖ Ensure a smooth arrival and departure for campers, assisting with check-ins, check-outs, and airport transfers.

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Lead surf lessons, ensuring campers learn the fundamentals of surfing in a safe and supportive environment.
- ❖ Supervise all camp activities, ensuring campers are actively engaged and safe.
- ❖ Lead educational activities focused on marine science, ocean safety, and environmental conservation.
- ❖ Assist with daily camp setup and breakdown, managing supplies and equipment.
- ❖ Provide 24-hour supervision of campers, ensuring their physical, emotional, and social well-being.
- ❖ Safely transport campers to and from activities and excursions, ensuring smooth transitions.
- ❖ Communicate effectively with campers, parents, and staff, addressing any concerns or issues.
- ❖ Manage camper behavior and enforce camp rules to maintain a respectful and fun environment.
- ❖ Complete all pre-session and post-session tasks, including reviewing camp binders, preparing supplies, and conducting evaluations.

Skills & Requirements

Required

- ❖ At least 21 years of age with a **BA or BS** in **Marine Biology, Environmental Science, Education, Recreation**, or a related field (or equivalent experience).
- ❖ **3+ years** of ocean wave riding experience and a solid understanding of surfing fundamentals.
- ❖ Ability to pass a **500-yard open-ocean swim test**.
- ❖ Current certifications in **Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid** (must be valid at the start of staff training).
- ❖ Must be in excellent physical condition and able to lift **50 lbs** unassisted.
- ❖ Strong communication, decision-making, and organizational skills.
- ❖ Clean driving record and ability to pass a government background check.
- ❖ No conflicting summer commitments, including travel, work, or other leave of absence.

Preferred

- ❖ **Master's** in **Marine Biology, Environmental Science, Education**, or related field.
- ❖ **Wilderness First Responder** certification or higher.
- ❖ Familiarity with southeastern marine ecosystems and organisms.
- ❖ Previous experience in a **camp setting**, particularly in teaching or leadership roles.
- ❖ **Environmental education** certification or teaching credential.
- ❖ Fluency in Spanish is a plus.
- ❖ Strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills with the ability to stay focused in a fast-paced environment.

Why Join Us?

- ❖ **Competitive summer stipend** commensurate with experience.
- ❖ **Accommodations and meals** provided during the program, valued at \$2,000.
- ❖ **Pro-deal opportunities** on outdoor gear and equipment.
- ❖ Work in a **dynamic team environment** with passionate individuals who share a love for the ocean and environmental education.
- ❖ Gain **valuable teaching experience** and mentorship while making a positive impact on the next generation of ocean stewards.

Position Duration

Programs run from **early June to early August** on **Topsail Island, NC**. Mandatory staff training takes place in **late May** (specific dates TBD).

About Surf Camp, Inc.

Surf Camp, Inc. is a leader in **learn-to-surf, marine science, and scuba adventure camps**. We are dedicated to providing high-quality surf education and promoting ocean conservation, guided by our core values of **Safety, Learning, and Fun**. We offer a range of programs for kids, teens, and adults, creating experiences that build confidence, develop character, and inspire lifelong love and respect for the ocean.

Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to cultivate a love and respect for the ocean by building confidence, developing character, and inspiring stoke through safety, fun, and learning."