



Piedmont Wildlife Center Summer Aftercare Counselor

Do you love exploring the outdoors? Are you passionate about mentoring children and connecting them with nature? Piedmont Wildlife Center is currently seeking seasonal, part-time **Summer Aftercare Counselors**.

About Our Organization: Piedmont Wildlife Center is a Durham-based non-profit organization encouraging conservation and inspiring people to build lifelong connections with nature through immersive outdoor education, citizen science, and wildlife stewardship. We pursue this mission through afterschool, homeschool, and year-round camp programming in the great outdoors. The Center also offers conservation-focused field trips and outreach programs with our Ambassador Animals.

Land Acknowledgment: Our camps operate out of Leigh Farm Park in Durham County and Blackwood Farm Park in Orange County. Both parks are remnants of 19th-century plantations and are on land that was once part of the shared territory of Saponi, Tuscarora, Occaneechi, Cheraw, Eno, Shakori, Catawba, and Lumbee nations. The county parks departments have preserved multiple historic structures in our locations. In addition, we operate camps at Umstead State Park in Wake County which was once a segregated park and indigenous territory. It is imperative that we discuss this history with our staff and campers, amplify the stories of the indigenous and enslaved peoples who cared for the land and continue learning about and examining the parks' legacy.

Position Summary: Aftercare Counselors step in at the end of a full camp day. Ideal persons for this position are able to lead a group of inter-aged children in a public park with another counselor. Counselors will spend time with campers leading activities such as crafts, games, nature exploration, and free play while facilitating pick-up. Whether experienced in education, naturalist skills, environmental science, and/or outdoor recreation, counselors should be passionate about sharing their unique skillset with campers, helping them develop their own connection to nature, and inspiring them to protect the natural world around them.

This position is available at our Durham, Orange, and Wake county locations.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Facilitate outdoor camp activities focused on environmental education.
- Supervise camper safety and enforce activity policies, including [our COVID-19 protocol](#).
- Communicate with co-counselors, program coordinators, and parents about program outcomes and camper behavior.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of local ecology or tracking and survival skills

- Childcare and/or education experience
- Leadership experience
- First aid/CPR certification preferred

Schedule:

- Mandatory staff training is June 7th-9th.
 - A second staff training will be offered in mid-July for anyone hired after the start of camp.
- Summer Aftercare programming runs June 12 through August 18, 2023, 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm M - F.

Pay: \$11-\$12 based on experience.

To Apply: Please email your resume and optional cover letter to camp@piedmontwildlifecenter.org with the subject line "Summer Camp Aftercare Counselor Application – *Your Name*". Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

If you have questions or require more information about this position, please contact us at 919-489-0900 or camp@piedmontwildlifecenter.org.

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