



Assistant Camp Leader

The Willowell Foundation is looking for Assistant and Junior Camp Leaders who want to gain experience in the field of education and childcare by assisting with the 2024 summer camp season. Assistant camp leaders will co-lead camps with seasoned and skilled staff for any number of week-long camps for ages 3-17 (broken into specific age groups and themes). This position will assist with the daily operations of keeping children safe, managing groups, leading games and activities, and having fun. The Assistant Camp Leaders will not be left alone with children or be expected to take a leadership role, unless they show that they are ready and able to do so.

This is an opportunity for someone to grow their teaching skills and expand on a passion and enthusiasm for place-based outdoor education.

Job Summary:

The Assistant Camp Leader will work five days a week (Monday-Friday), from 8:45AM-3:15PM, throughout the summer (early June- late August). They can choose to co-lead any number of week-long camps, but we ask that they commit a minimum of three camps total to join the team. They will help plan and implement place-based camps that incorporate different themes such as cooking, crafts, games, and studies of other cultures or story lines (Ninja Training, Pirates, Jedi Training, etc.). They will not be asked to be in charge of challenging behaviors, be left alone with the group, or deal with parent communication, but instead will follow the direction of the primary camp leaders. They will assist with managing the group energy, leading games, attending to minor first aid issues, and making sure everyone is safe throughout the week, and having fun!

About Willowell Camps:

Willowell offers a diverse range of Vermont summer day camps for children of all ages. Each camp runs for one week, usually from 9:00AM-3:00 PM. Camps bring children outdoors to play, get dirty, and learn from Willowell's 230 acres of meadows, wetlands and forest. They all take place at the Willowell land in Monkton and are primarily outdoors with a few cabins and yurts to take shelter in. Camps we've run in the past include Jedi Training, Lord of the Rings, Wren's Nest Explorers, and The Great Willowell Cooking Camp. We hope campers come home each day tired, full of new songs, smelling of campfire, and ready to take on the world with a renewed respect for themselves, their peers, and the great outdoors! Willowell camps aim to foster a sense of

pride and respect for nature in youth of all ages. We are a welcoming community who promotes kindness, diversity, and inclusion of all who wish to attend. Willowell programs admits students, families, and employees of all socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, and disability.

About Willowell:

Willowell is a non-profit organization founded in 2000. Based in Monkton VT, we focus on programming that integrates the arts, humanities, and sciences into outdoor education. We support initiatives for sustainable land use and serve as a resource for local students, teachers, and community members. Willowell programs are committed to diversity and inclusion. We welcome youth of all backgrounds (we are currently serving a high rate of LGBTQ+ youth at our outdoor public high school). Further, we realize many youth in Vermont are facing mental health crises; we hope to help offset the pervading stresses affecting Vermont youth with enriching out-of-school-programming.

The Willowell Foundation works to bring people together around self-directed programs that foster environmental awareness and community engagement. Teachers, staff, and AmeriCorps members work directly with students of all ages and from varying socioeconomic backgrounds. Throughout the year we offer camps, workshops, farm to school initiatives, an outdoor public high school, and a nature based preschool.

Qualifications:

- Experience working with children
- Strong communication skills and the ability to engage campers of all ages, making them feel welcome and included throughout the program
- A passion for and experience in outdoor education
- A love for games and having fun outdoors
- Dedication to exploring the natural environment, and a basic knowledge of local flora, fauna, and seasonal changes to Vermont's landscape
- The ability to arrive each day on time and ready to work in all weather conditions
- Team player who can adapt and follow instruction from lead camp instructors
- The ability to adhere to confidentiality and and maintain professional relationships with families and other staff
- Age 16 years or older
- Ability to successfully complete required background checks
- Current First Aid and CPR certificate, or willingness to become certified
- Reliable transportation, or an ability to get to and from Monkton daily

Responsibilities Include:

- Having fun and playing games with children
- Helping implement the varying themes of the camps (Cooking, Ninja training, etc.)
- Working directly with youth, emphasizing and fostering a community of respect and inclusion
- Helping set up and clean up each day before and after scheduled camps
- Collaborating with Willowell staff to guide program and keep children safe

Compensation and hours:

\$15-\$20 an hour based on experience. Hours will generally run 8:45-3:15 PM with extra planning hours possible depending on the week.

To apply email tasha@willowell.org with a message of why you're a good fit, a resume (if you have one), and three references.

For questions contact info@willowell.org