



## **Youth Programs Summer Camp Lead Instructor** **(Summer/Full Time)**

### ***Location:***

Local parks around the Seattle/Puget Sound, WA area including the foothills of the Cascade Mountains

### ***Start Date:***

**Required** staff training week is June 14 - 18, 9:00am – 3:00 pm each day (various locations).

### ***Camp Dates and Hours***

Camps begin June 21 and continue through August 19 (instructors work an average of 4 to 6 weeks during this time).

**Daily hours for staff at all day camps are 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Overnight camps run from Sunday afternoon through Friday morning.**

### ***Responsibilities:***

Lead and instruct small groups of students aged 6-12 in weeklong daycamps, and potentially work with teens in overnight camps and expeditions using Wilderness Awareness School's model of mentoring. Inspire youth to find their personal gifts through their connections with nature. Support assistant instructors in learning more about working with youth in nature.

### ***Qualifications:***

- Must have experience as a naturalist instructor working with youth ages 6-12 in an outdoor setting, and have experience with the 8-shields model and Coyote Mentoring method or the equivalent.
- Must be certified in First Aid and CPR training that is current as of June 1, 2010.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- A background check is required.

### ***Preference will be given to applicants who have:***

- Knowledge of Pacific Northwest hazards, mammals, tracking, edible/medicinal plants, navigation without map/compass, field ecology, trees, survival techniques, and birds/birdsong.
- Participated in Wilderness Awareness School's Residential Program, Community School, and/or Kamana Naturalist Training program.

### ***Compensation/Benefits:***

- First-year Lead Instructors earn \$480 per week (40 hrs)
- 32 hours paid summer camp training

### ***How to apply:***

Download an employment application from our website - [www.wildernessawareness.org](http://www.wildernessawareness.org) or call to have one mailed to you. Fill out and submit the application form **along with a current resume and cover letter addressing why you are interested in this position and relevant experience.** Return via standard mail to:

Emily Gibson  
Summer Camp Director  
Wilderness Awareness School  
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***Applications for this position are due by February 5th, 2010.***