



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Title:** Nature Director  
**Start Date:** May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Reports to:** Summer Program Director  
**End Date:** Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Salary:** \$180/week

**General function:** Under the general direction of the Summer Program Director, in accordance with the policies of the YMCA, this person serves as a program specialist responsible for the nature and outdoor living skills programs. This position is combined with other duties as best fits the total camp program.

**Qualifications:**

1. 18 years of age or older
2. Has significant experience for camping and running a nature based program.
3. Highly organized and motivated to plan, prepare, and carry out a nature program.
4. Current American Red Cross First aid and CPR or equivalent certification.
5. Furnish Camp Wood YMCA with a current physical examination form signed by a licensed physician, showing you to be in good health and free of contagious diseases. Camp Wood will furnish physical form.
6. Lifeguard Training a plus.
7. Love to work with children and be ready for challenging, yet rewarding work.

**Specific Responsibilities:**

1. Develop and operate a meaningful program in nature geared to the ages and abilities of the individual camper and emphasize hands on learning. Offer increasingly difficult challenges so as to attract campers of all ages, whether repeaters or new.
2. Offer three distinct areas of activity- instructional, recreational, and cabin group. Topics to include, but not limited to outdoor cooking, outdoor survival, orienteering, Things that Fly, Reptiles and Amphibians, Flint Hills Wonders, Flint Hills Hiking.
3. Coordinate the nature program with other camp activities and programs.
4. Promote the nature program throughout camp.
5. Teach a Life Skills Lesson with each session (respect, responsibility, etc).
6. See that the nature areas are kept safe at all times and reasonably neat and clean at the end of each nature period.
7. Procure supplies with the prior approval of the Senior Program Director and Summer Program Director.
8. Maintain an accurate inventory of materials and prepare an evaluation of the nature program at summer's end.
9. Develop and carry out an Outdoor Living Skills Specialty track for a variety of ages of participants.
10. Support the purpose and philosophy of Camp Wood YMCA and work towards meeting those goals.
11. Cooperate with the entire staff in working together for the welfare of campers and the camp.
12. Follow the personnel policy as listed in the Leaders' Manual.
13. Perform other tasks as may be required.