

# SCIENCENTER

## Position Announcement

Summer Camp Counselor. Sciencenter, a hands-on science museum in Ithaca, NY, seeks dynamic, energetic individuals to help create a safe, fun, and educational summer day camp experience for children ages 7-11. Sciencenter Summer Camp combines fun and games with exciting, hands-on science activities, experiments, field trips, visits from special presenters, and museum exploration.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a seasonal full-time (40 hour/week) position that **does not include** Sciencenter benefits.

**Application Information for the Position of  
Summer Camp Counselor**

We welcome your application for the position of Summer Camp Counselor at the Sciencenter.

This is a seasonal full-time (40 hour/week) position that **does not include** Sciencenter benefits.

Please review the position description and include the following 4 items with your application:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- 1-2 page bullet-list summary that explains how your previous experience supports each of the duties and responsibilities listed in the position description
- List of 2 references. Please provide the affiliation, day and evening phone numbers, mailing address, and email address for your references. (*Do not send letters of reference – we will contact references directly.*)

**Please e-mail your application as a Word or PDF file to [mmusco@sciencenter.org](mailto:mmusco@sciencenter.org) by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Please do not send your application embedded in the text of an email message.

After we have reviewed your application materials, we will be in contact with you. We anticipate a target starting date of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

Thank you for your interest in the Sciencenter. We look forward to receiving your application.

# SCIENCENTER POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Title: Summer Camp Counselor**  
**Starting Date: June 2012**

**TITLE OF MANAGER:** Summer Camp Co-Director

## **MAIN FUNCTION:**

As a Summer Camp Counselor, you will care for campers, ensure their safety, provide leadership and companionship, and educate campers about basic science concepts by presenting hands-on camp activities.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Camper Care: Supervise an assigned group of campers for the duration of each camp session.
- Facilitate Activities: Deliver informal science activities within assigned camper groups.
- Field Trips: Provide leadership and assist in delivering content during field trips.
- After-Camp Care: Supervise campers who stay for after-camp sessions, at least one day a week.
- Training and Development: Participate in training sessions and weekly camp coordination meetings.

## **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:**

### Required:

- Some college education, with a strong background in science
- Experience facilitating programs with children
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- Strong organizer (of time, self/others)
- Ability to problem solve and to give and take direction
- Creative, flexible, resourceful, and willing to learn new things
- Able to work, prioritize, and focus amid frequent interruptions
- Strong sense of professionalism, maturity, and punctuality
- Reliable transportation

Preferred:

- Classroom teaching experience
- Coursework in astronomy, earth science and/or life science
- Experience working with special needs populations
- Experience with summer camps
- First Aid certification
- Experience in developing and delivering inquiry-based science curriculums
- Research experience and clear understanding of the scientific method

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Interactive museum setting with frequent daytrips and outdoor activities. Must work well in a team setting. Must be able to lift and carry educational materials, tables, and chairs; walk up to 3 miles; and stand for prolonged periods of time.

**TIME COMMITMENT:**

Seasonal full time (40 hours/wk) position. Must be committed to work the full summer of camp: June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00am to 3:30pm each day, plus work until 5:00pm at least once a week, includes mandatory training on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**SALARY:**

\$11/hour. Sciencenter benefits are not provided.

***The Sciencenter is an Equal Opportunity Employer.***