

SCIENCENTER

Position Announcement

Summer Camp Counselor. Sciencenter, a hands-on science museum in Ithaca, NY, seeks dynamic, energetic individuals to lead a safe, fun, and educational summer day camp experience for children ages 5-11. 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.

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Please review the position description and include the following 3 items with your application:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- 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 bresnick@sciencenter.org by Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Please do not send your application embedded in the text of an email message. If you are selected for an interview, we will be in contact with you.

We anticipate a target starting date of June 21, 2018.

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 2018**

As a Summer Camp Counselor, you will care for campers ages 5-11, ensure their safety, provide leadership and companionship, and educate campers about basic science concepts by leading hands-on camp activities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Camper Care: Supervise a group of campers for the duration of each camp session.
- Facilitate Activities: Lead informal science activities with assigned camper groups, highlighting key science concepts at an appropriate level for the campers.
- Field Trips: Provide leadership and assist in delivering content during field trips.
- After-Camp Care: Supervise campers who stay for after-camp care, at least one day a week.
- Training and Development: Participate in training sessions and weekly camp coordination meetings.
- Mentor Counselors-in-Training: Provide leadership and guidance for middle school students in the Counselor-in-Training program.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS:

Required:

- Some college education, with a strong background in science
- Experience facilitating programs with children
- Excellent communication skills, especially in science content
- Strong organizer (of time, self/others)
- Ability to problem solve, give and take direction, work collaboratively, and lead children, independently when appropriate
- 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

- First Aid certification (valid through August, 2018, and must be completed by June 19, 2018)
- Reliable transportation

Preferred:

- Classroom teaching experience
- Coursework in astronomy, engineering, earth science and/or life science
- Experience motivating children with diverse learning styles
- Experience with summer camps
- Experience in delivering inquiry-based and/or hands-on science activities and/or curriculums

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 up to 50-lbs of 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. Camp runs between June 25th and August 31st, from 8:00am to 3:45pm each day, plus work until 5:00pm at least once a week. Term commitment is variable with a minimum of 6 weeks. Schedule will be negotiated at time of hire.

SALARY:

\$12.00/hour. Sciencenter benefits are not provided.

The Sciencenter is an Equal Opportunity Employer.