



MANICE EDUCATION CENTER

AmeriCorps Outdoor Educator



Program/Position Description: www.Christodora.org

Educational staff at the Manice Education Center (MEC) work closely together in a supportive atmosphere teaching small, coed groups (10-12 students) of New York City (NYC) public school students in a variety of outdoor classroom settings. Together, all educators on staff facilitate debates, science labs, cooperative games, group initiatives, and campfires for groups of approximately forty students. Educators in our spring/fall sessions will lead 3 day field trips at MEC for our partner public schools in NYC. Educators in our summer session can expect to lead an average of 6 backpacking and/or canoeing expeditions, ranging from 2 to 5 days in length.

Position Availability: Spring: 4-11 to 6-12-12; Summer: 6-11 to 8-25-12; Fall: 9-4 to 10-26-12

Responsibilities:

- Develop and deliver experientially focused educational opportunities for students ages 11-18 in environmental science and leadership training courses
- Facilitate low ropes course elements and group initiatives
- Safely lead groups on both day and extended backcountry excursions
- Overnight supervision of students (max. 7) in cabin style tents
- Mentor, support, and empower Outdoor Educator Assistants

Qualifications:

- Adventurous spirit, willingness to learn, passion for the outdoors, and enjoys connecting with urban youth.
- Experience in outdoor education, wilderness navigation, leadership training.
- BA/BS in related discipline preferred. Significant professional experience considered.
- Ability & commitment to obtain Wilderness First Aid and CPR. Waterfront Lifeguard Certification is preferred. Employer sponsored courses at MEC are available in summer training. FA/CPR is a prerequisite for spring/fall educators.
- Spanish/English Bilingual a plus.
- Valid driver's license preferred.
- Background clearances and medical physical required. Initial drug screening may be required.

Stipends/Benefits:

- Lodging (cabin tents), basic amenities, and excellent food service provided.
- AmeriCorps Education Stipends at the end of service, range from \$1468 to \$5550.
- Bi/weekly living stipend, worker's insurance, paid work related transportation, communications, and gear discounts.
- *Enjoy living in a unique outdoor setting, and be a part of a one hundred-year tradition of developing a constructive, supportive community through hard work, play, and dedication to our mission.*

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter, resume, and 3 reference contacts (feel free to add wilderness, leadership, and education portfolios) to Matthew Scholl, M.E.C. Director @ employment@christodora.org; or mail to: M.E.C. 68 Savoy Road, Florida, MA 01247; Tel.: 413-663-8463; Fax: 413.663.5399.