



**CHRISTODORA
MANICE EDUCATION CENTER
2010 Field Teacher Intern Positions**



Description:

Founded over a century ago, Christodora/The Manice Education Center is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization devoted to giving New York City's inner-city children a first hand experience and appreciation of nature. The Manice Education Center, near Williamstown, MA, operates experientially focused and high-quality environmental education, wilderness camping, and leadership programs for up to 40 students, ages 12-18, from May through October, in a unique wilderness setting with a student to staff ratio of 6:1

The Center's small student population, combined with a full time staff of twelve to twenty, provide an excellent opportunity to develop a strong, positive, multicultural community atmosphere and plenty of attention to students' individual needs. Staff, as close companions to the students under their supervision, have many opportunities to significantly influence their students' lives. For many students the experience is their first opportunity to explore and discover the wonders of the natural environment. Training: All staff members participate in one to two weeks of training before each of the three program seasons, both as active learners and presenters. These training weeks provide plenty of hands on experiences in the field and a thorough review of the Center's goals, philosophy and policies. Group management, outdoor teaching techniques and safety procedures are taught in addition a review of environmental science and wilderness skills programming including an opportunity to certify in Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguarding. Natural Resources: The Manice Center, located on 85 acres at nearly 2,000 feet of elevation, borders on protected state forest lands. Second growth forest (deciduous and coniferous), fields and wetlands (spring fed pond, streams and marsh) are prominent features on the property. The surrounding state forests contain an 80 foot waterfall, four ponds, a bog, many 2,500 foot peaks and more than 25,000 forested acres, all within a day's walk. The resource library contains more than 300 volumes, mostly field guides and outdoor activity source books plus many staff developed curriculum and teaching aids.

Qualifications:

Enthusiasm and willingness to gain teaching, group mgt., and wilderness leadership experience. Some collegiate level work and/or significant experience in Environmental/Natural Science and Wilderness Leadership Programming. First Aid or Wilderness First Aid, CPR certification required or ability/commitment to obtain (additional Waterfront Lifeguard Certification preferred). Certifying trainings offered in June paid by the program. Min. age to apply: 18 Background clearances, drug screening, and medical physical required

Salary/Benefits:

Up to \$250/week stipend, room & board, worker's insurance, paid work related transportation and communications, and equipment discounts. ***An opportunity to work as an integral part of a team of dedicated professionals to create significant positive effects on the lives of economically and experientially disadvantaged youth. Be a part of a one hundred-year tradition of developing a constructive, supportive learning and living community through hard work and dedication of purpose. Live and work in a unique outdoor setting and a dynamic program where your voice will be heard and where you can make a difference.***

Responsibilities:

Responsibilities: Instructional staff at the Manice Education Center work closely together in a supportive atmosphere teaching small, coed groups of New York City public school students in the out-of-doors. They are also responsible for overnight supervision of a maximum of seven students. Interns, paired with field teachers and environmental educators, teach activity groups of up to twelve students in ecology, wilderness skills and group leadership skills. Together, all educators on staff facilitate debates, science labs, cooperative games and campfires for groups of up to forty students, our maximum capacity. Summer courses include overnight wilderness canoe/backpack expeditions of three to five days in length. Each expedition is co-led by intern/field teacher pairs with an upper level high school student serving as a trip assistant. Staff, on average, spend twenty-four days out on a total of six trips per summer.

Availability:

Three distinct seasons, combined or singly:
April 12 through June 10, 2010
June 14 through August 28, 2010
September 7 through October 29, 2010

To Apply:

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