



MANICE EDUCATION CENTER

Outdoor Educator

Program/Position Description

The Manice Education Center operates several distinctly different seasonal programs focusing on highly engaging opportunities for junior and senior high school youth from New York City in environmental education, wilderness expeditions, and leadership training from May through October. The Center is located on a 150 acre forested campus, surrounded by 14,000 acres of protected state forests boasting mountain streams, rivers, ponds and diverse wildlife. In the heart of the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, this is a phenomenal setting for nature enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers to enjoy a pristine wilderness playground, alongside music, arts, and festivities in nearby college towns.

Outdoor Educators in the spring/fall school programs will facilitate 3-day school chaperoned field trips at MEC for our partner NYC public schools. Staff at the Manice Education Center work closely together in a supportive atmosphere and teach small, coed groups of 10-12 youth in a variety of outdoor settings. Each school trip will engage in hikes to a summit with a view of 4 states, an 80-foot cascading waterfall, a unique bog ecosystem, and a llama farm.

Educators:

- Facilitate challenge course activities designed to focus on teamwork, communication, leadership skills, trust, and social development.
- Lead nighttime hikes to see the stars and magic of bioluminescence.
- Celebrate with skits, drumming, and s'mores at our campfire program—rain or shine in a gazebo surrounded by forest—that can seat the entire campus.
- Inspire curiosity about our natural world through inquisitive discovery based activities in our natural surroundings.
- Supervise youth overnight in canvas, cabin style tents on platforms.

Training Opportunities

- All educators receive hands-on training in the delivery of an experientially driven curriculum, challenge course training and challenge course facilitation experience, and ongoing professional development as an outdoor and environmental educator.
- Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certifications

Position Availability:

- *Fall Chaperoned School Field Trip Program: 9-5 to 10-28-17*

Qualifications:

- Adventurous spirit, willingness to learn, passion for the outdoors, and enjoys connecting with urban youth.
- Experience in outdoor education & leadership training.
- Experience working with urban school groups.
- BA/BS in related discipline preferred. Significant professional experience considered.
- Current First Aid and CPR certifications or ability to complete during training.
- Spanish/English Bilingual a plus.
- Valid driver's license preferred.
- Background clearances and medical physical required. Initial drug screening may be required.

Stipend/Benefits:

- Competitive weekly salary, lodging, & excellent food service.
- *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.*

****Outdoor Educators work as Outdoor Education Residential Camp Counselors**

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; Fax: 413.663.5399.