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COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA FARMSTEAD
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Job Title: Summer Camp Counselor

Organization: Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead

Location: Ridley Creek State Park, Media, PA

Reports to: Education Coordinator

Salary: \$15 per hour

Time Commitment: approximately 35 hours for 5 weeks June-August: June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 28- August 1, August 4-8; plus additional training dates in early June

POSITION SUMMARY

Summer Camp Counselors assist with 5 weeks of summer camps that emphasize hands-on farming and historic activities and projects. All camps run Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM, with aftercare hours until 5pm as needed. Ideal for college students.

SITE OVERVIEW

Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead (CPF) is an 18th century living history farm located within Ridley Creek State Park. Featuring heritage-breed animals, period-appropriate crops, and five historic buildings, CPF represents a typical mid-size colonial-era property.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help to supervise and maintain order during arrival and departure of campers; help with camper check-in and check-out procedures.
- Assist and monitor campers with hands-on projects and activities including showing campers how to do the activity or project and helping when problems arise.
- Set up and clean up projects and activities, including transporting tools and supplies around the site.
- Supervise and engage with groups of campers during free time.
- Monitor individual or small groups of campers who need to leave the larger group, such as for bathroom breaks.

- Ensure all garbage is collected around the site and the picnic area is clear of wrappers and litter at lunch, snack time, and at the end of each day. Remove filled trash bags to the dumpster in the parking lot.
- Ensure compliance with all camp rules as communicated to campers on the first day, especially encouraging a climate of respect and safety for all staff and among campers.
- Model good behavior for campers including avoiding inappropriate language or topics, following all directions from staff, and adhering to safety measures with the site's facilities and animals
- Help mentor and supervise Junior Counselors.
- Prepare activities and projects prior to camp, as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Must enjoy working with youth. Camp size can range from 12 to 30 campers each week.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to interact effectively with staff, CPF volunteers, and campers. Access to email for scheduling purposes is required.
- Have reliable attendance and punctuality. Reliable transportation is a must.
- Must be dependable, take initiative, and manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions, especially summer heat; must be comfortable walking on uneven terrain, navigating historic buildings, including narrow staircases, and standing for long periods of time.
- Interest and/or familiarity in colonial history, farming, museum education, or hands-on historic crafts is a plus.
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (CY113) and Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check (SP4-164) required.
- Wearing of 18th century clothes is not required. Summer camp wear modern attire and staff shirts.

Applicants should send a resume and brief cover letter to education@colonialfarmstead.org.