



Job Title: Thorne Nature Experience Summer Camp Assistant Instructor

Employer: Thorne Nature Experience (Thorne), Boulder, CO

Sites: Boulder, Louisville, or Littleton

Job Status: Part time, Seasonal Employee

Reports to: Education Programs Director

Pay rate: \$315 per “Camp Experience”, Typical “Camp Experience” Assistant Instructor Schedule- 31.5 hours

Application Deadline: We are currently accepting applications and hiring. Deadline for summer positions is March 17, 2017 but will remain open until filled

Application Process: Please no phone inquiries. Additional information available at www.thornenature.org. Questions regarding the position can be directed to carrie@thornenature.org and will be responded to within 5 business days. To apply, fill out an online application at <http://www.thornenature.org/get-involved/employment/>. Additionally, submit cover letter indicating preferred teaching site (Boulder/Louisville and/or Littleton) and position title together with a resume by mail or email to: Thorne Nature Experience
Attn: Carrie Riesberg, Summer Camp Coordinator
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carrie@thornenature.org

Thorne Mission and History:

Thorne Nature Experience is a non-profit organization that is committed to building Earth stewardship by connecting youth to nature through joyful, hands-on, place-based environmental education experiences. Thorne believes in ensuring access for all youth to discovery, exploration, and a connection to the natural world. Founded in 1954, Thorne has a rich history and has reached more than 250,000 children and adults through its three programs: In-School, Summer Camp, and Field Trips.

Thorne Summer Camp Program Description:

Established in 1957, Thorne Summer Camp reaches 2,800 youth each summer through field-based ecology “Camp Experiences” for kids ages 3-15. Learning takes place through hands-on, science-based, experiential activities. Popular camps like, Mud Mucking, At Home in the Woods, and Bird Banding utilize local prairie grasslands, evergreen forests, and wetland habitats as a classroom and enable youth to connect with and learn about nature. Thorne Summer Camp is licensed by the State of Colorado Division of Childcare.

Expectation for All Employees:

Support the Thorne mission and exhibit a commitment to:

- Working collaboratively, with integrity and respect for fellow employees, associates, and our communities
- Embracing personal responsibility and accountability for your job

Job Purpose:

Assistant Instructors support a Lead Instructor in camps that require two Instructors for safety and/or learning reasons. These Biking and Fishing "Camp Experiences" meet at various locations in Boulder County or Littleton, providing campers with an opportunity to learn fishing and biking skills through joyful, hands-on, place-based ecology. This is a great opportunity for a person new to the environmental education field, who values nature connection in children, but may not have the necessary experience to be a Lead Instructor.

Principal Responsibilities:

- Assist in teaching at least four and up to six weeks of Thorne Summer Camp Biking and/or Fly Fishing camps, encouraging Earth stewardship in participants through enthusiasm, knowledge, and passion for nature
- Assist Lead Instructor to plan and execute joyful, meaningful, engaging Thorne Summer Camp "Experiences"
- Act as a role model for all participants, illustrating appropriate behavior and environmental ethics
- Encourage a joyful, safe, meaningful outdoor experience for participants
- Attend Mandatory Thorne Summer Camp Instructor training on May 20-21, 2017- Assistant Instructors must attend a total of 15 hours of professional development training as required by the Colorado Department of Social Services child care licensing standards (Thorne Instructor trainings are included)
- Complete all required forms and submit all required information needed by Thorne in compliance with Colorado Department of Social Services child care licensing standards

Desired Outcomes:

- Contribute towards successful delivery of Thorne Summer Camp and the achievement of Thorne's mission
- Contribute towards achieving 90% or better positive rating of Thorne Summer Camp's ability to connect participants to nature
- Contribute towards achieving 90% or better positive rating that Thorne Summer Camp "Experience" content is mostly or completely age appropriate
- Contribute towards achieving 90% or better positive rating that Thorne's Instructors and quality of Thorne's Summer Camp "Experiences" are good or fantastic
- Contribute towards achieving 95% or better positive rating that parents will send their child to a Thorne Summer Camp in the future
- Contribute towards Thorne's Core Value of inclusiveness, respecting the perspectives and contributions of all people

Job Interrelationships:

- Thorne Staff and Summer Camp Instructors
- Thorne Summer Camp Participants
- Thorne Summer Camp Parents and Families
- Partners at Front Range Anglers
- Volunteers and Interns
- General Public

- Guest Speakers and Community Partners

Desired Skills and Abilities:

- Desire to become an Environmental Educator
- Experienced in biking and/or fishing
- Strong communication skills with adults and children
- Good knowledge of Colorado ecology and natural science
- Good organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks and roles, patiently and professionally
- Experience relating to and communicating with diverse audiences, especially Mexican American participants and families preferred
- People of Color encouraged to apply
- Bilingual in Spanish and English encouraged to apply

Desired Behavioral Traits and Attitudes:

- Team player, fun, outgoing, passionate, organized, creative, resourceful, critical thinker, results-oriented, and self-motivated
- Strong interest and experience in teaching environmental education in informal settings
- Passionate about Thorne's mission and environmentally concerned and aware

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older
- Background check and fingerprints submitted and cleared by the Colorado Department of Human Services (Thorne helps and pays for this)

Dates of Thorne Summer Camp "Experiences":

- Boulder: May 30-August 11 (skipping May 29 and July 4, as holidays)
 - Boulder Biking Weeks: June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30
 - Boulder Fishing Weeks: July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28 (with biking)
- Louisville: June 5-9, June 12-26, June 26-30, July 17-21, July 24-28, and July 31-Aug 4
- Littleton: June 12-July 21 (skipping July 4, as a holiday)
 - Littleton Biking Weeks: June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30
 - Littleton Fishing Weeks: July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21 (with biking)

Inclusiveness Statement:

Thorne believes that, to remain relevant as an organization and ensure access to joyful, hands-on, place-based Environmental Education experiences for all youth, its programs, leadership, and participants must reflect the range of diversity, culture, and unique differences in our community.

Anti-Discrimination Statement:

Thorne Nature Experience is an equal opportunity organization. Thorne Nature Experience does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), physical or mental disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender variance or expression, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. This Anti-Discrimination Policy applies to, but is not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers, selection of Board Members, selection of vendors, and provision of services.

Please see Thorne's Summer Camp catalog on-line at www.thornenature.org for "Camp Experience" times and descriptions