



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Summer Camp Field Assistant Intern at Boulder and Lafayette Camps
STATUS: Seasonal Employee
START DATE: Training May 22-23, 2021, Camp runs June 1 -August 6, 2021
HOW TO APPLY: Fill out an online application at:
<https://thorne.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/staff/App>

Thorne Mission and History:

Thorne Nature Experience is a non-profit organization that is committed to building Earth stewardship by providing youth with joyful, hands-on, place-based environmental education experiences that foster an emotional connection to nature. Thorne believes in discovery, exploration, and a connection to the natural world. Founded in 1954, Thorne has a rich history and has reached more than 300,000 children and adults through its Summer Camp, School Programs, Community Programs, and Nature For All Initiative.

Thorne Summer Camp Program Description:

Thorne Summer Camp has been connecting youth to nature since 1957! Thorne offers two-week long day camps in Boulder and Lafayette for youth ages 3-15. Thorne's outdoor "Camp Experiences" inspire exploration in nature and offer just the right mix of fun and hands-on learning with a focus on themes like survival skills, nature art, wild nature play, and more. Our camp believes that everyone should be able to experience the joy of nature and provides full scholarships to 25% of our campers!

Internship Purpose:

The Field Assistant Intern provides support to the Summer Camp Instructors, helps with camp logistics, and engages with campers in the field.

This job is for you if you:

- Are inspired by our mission
- Enjoy engaging with children through outdoor exploration
- Love nature and working outside
- Are looking to gain experience in environmental education and camp leadership

- Thrive in a role as a mentor
- Are excited about working at a trailblazing non-profit that is progressive, collaborative, and supported by a nature loving team
- Care about equity and diversity

Schedule:

- Position is June 1- Aug 6, with the potential to add on an extra session Aug 9-17
- Camp dates by location listed below.
 - Boulder County:
 - Boulder: June 1-August 17
 - Camps meet at Chautauqua Park, Mt. Sanitas, and Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center
 - Lafayette: June 1-Aug 6
 - Camps meet at Ryan Elementary School
- Hours:
 - Approximately 36 hours/week
 - The camp day runs from 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday-Friday
 - Field Assistant Intern schedule:
 - Monday, Wednesday: 7:30 am- 3:00 pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm
 - Hours worked may vary, but this is a general guideline

Principal Responsibilities:

- Assist in the oversight of Thorne Summer Camp program in the field, ensuring safety of all participants, students, and teachers
- Support Thorne Summer Camp Instructors in the field with supplies and added supervision
- Support in the completion of daily logistical tasks including drop off/pick up protocol, maintenance of site supplies and facility, assistance with first day camper check in, first day opening ceremony, merchandise sales, and taking photos of camp
- Support program by acting as a substitute Instructor if needed
- Have fun and encourage a joyful and meaningful outdoor experience for participants!

Desired Skills and Abilities:

- Passion for outdoor adventures and connecting youth to nature
- Strong communication skills with children and adults
- Good organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks and roles, patiently and professionally
- People of Color encouraged to apply
- Bilingual in Spanish and English encouraged to apply

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older

Required Trainings & Paperwork:

- **Mandatory Thorne Summer Camp Staff training on May 22-23, 2021**
- CPR, First Aid, Standard Precautions, and Medication Administration certified prior to the start of camp
 - **Thorne holds trainings, but does not pay for the time or cost of these certifications**
- Complete all required forms and submit all required information needed by Thorne in compliance with Colorado Department of Human Services Child Care licensing standards, including background check and fingerprints

Compensation & Perks:

- Compensation is \$12.32 per hour
- Summer Camp staff also receive deals on gear and discounts with several Thorne partners including a local yoga studio and rock climbing gym for the year following their summer of employment
- Thorne Staff are willing to fill out required forms for school credit, act as a reference for Intern, and/or write a letter of recommendation if needed

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.

Questions?

Contact Carrie Riesberg, Summer Camp Manager at carrie@thornenature.org

Please see Thorne's Summer Camp catalog online at www.thornenature.org for more information about our Summer Camp including "Camp Experience" times and descriptions.