



Title: Extended Care Assistant Instructor

Reports to: Summer Camp Senior Manager

Status: Seasonal Employee

Salary*: \$17.60/ hour

*Spanish/English bilingual salary eligible for \$1.00/ hour skill-based wage premium

Position Dates: **Training**, the week of May 18-19, 2024.
Extended Care runs May 28- August 13, 2024; 2:30 – 5:30 pm daily.

Camp Locations: Boulder and Lafayette, CO

How to apply: Complete a brief online [staff interest](#) form

Thorne Mission and History: Thorne Nature Experience is a non-profit organization whose mission is to build earth stewardship by providing all youth with joyful, hands-on, place-based environmental education experiences that foster an emotional connection to nature. Founded in 1954, Thorne has a rich history and has reached more than 350,000 children through its Summer Camp, School Year (Pre-K and Elementary), and Nature for All Programs.

Job Purpose: Extended Care Assistant Instructors support the Extended Care Lead Instructor in running the Extended Care program, which runs after the day camp program from 2:30-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Principal Responsibilities:

- Plan and run fun, hands-on activities that continue to inspire and cultivate nature connection after the standard camp day.
- Mentor different groups of campers from 5-11 years old every week and guide them through engaging activities outdoors and indoors. Extended Care camps have a ratio of 15 campers per staff member. The Extended Care program typically has 30 campers per week.

- Supervise support staff for the Extended Care Program at your site.
- Maintain cleanliness of the site and manage site supplies.
- Act as a role model for all participants, illustrating appropriate behavior and environmental ethics.
- Encourage a joyful, safe, meaningful experience for participants.

Desired Skills and Abilities:

- Experience instructing youth in an outdoor setting.
- Passion for outdoor experiences and connecting youth to nature.
- Effective communication skills with children and adults
- Good organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks and roles, patiently and professionally.
- Ability to adapt to changing circumstances.
- Experience relating to and communicating with diverse audiences, especially Latinx participants and families preferred.
- BIPOC identifying individuals highly encouraged to apply.
- Bilingual in Spanish/English encouraged to apply.

Compensation and Perks:

- Compensation is \$17.60/hr. or \$18.60/hr. for instructors bilingual in Spanish/English.
- Professional development, training, and skills sharing opportunities.
- Summer Camp staff receive deals on gear and discounts with several Thorne partners for the year following their summer employment.

Desired Behavioral Traits and Attitudes: Leader, collaborative, fun, outgoing, curious, organized, creative, adaptable, resourceful, critical thinker, results-oriented, and self-motivated. Passionate about Thorne’s mission and environmentally concerned and aware.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be 18 or older.
- Must be able to obtain First Aid/CPR certification for adults and pediatrics from an approved vendor prior to being placed in a camp session.

Required Trainings & Paperwork:

- Mandatory Thorne Summer Camp Staff training May 18-19, 2024
 - One day of paid and individually scheduled onboarding paperwork and training at the Thorne offices.
 - 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.

Working Conditions: This role requires a physical ability to perform tasks in an outdoor environment in all weather conditions including lifting, standing for lengthy periods, walking on rough terrain, and kneeling. Work takes place primarily in an outdoor setting with continuous interruptions and background noises.

Accommodations: Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.

The 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.

Equitable Recruiting Policy Statement: Our goal is to increase diversity amongst our staff at Thorne. We do so by providing equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. It is the policy at Thorne to attempt to reach diverse pools of applicants throughout the hiring process by following the Equitable Recruiting Procedure.