

Job Opening – YOUTH PROGRAMS STAFF

Location: Seacoast Region of S. Maine (York, S. Berwick, Kittery)

Start Date: Mid-March 2012

Work Dates & Hours:

- *This is a part-time position (c. 12 hrs / wk)*
- Tuesdays (12pm-5pm), Thursdays (10:30am-5pm) – March 13 -June 14.
- Occasional wknd & fill-in weekday work may be available.
- Potential full-time summer employment dependent upon performance.



Responsibilities:

- Lead & instruct small groups of students on nature-connection day camps (ages 7-12) using White Pine Programs model of nature-based learning.
- Bring creativity and inspiration to the task of facilitating nature connection for youth on multiple sites (school properties / White Pine land).
- Inspire youth to find their personal gifts through connecting with nature.
- Support assistant instructors in learning about working with youth in nature.
- Solicit, receive & provide feedback in a clear and appropriate manner.
- Be familiar with and follow White Pine safety & risk management policies.

Qualifications:

- Experience in 8Shields Mentoring Model OR participation in any "Art of Mentoring" or "Coyote Mentoring" programs.
- Previous naturalist training (e.g. Kamana Program, informal training)
- Must have current certification in Wilderness First Aid & CPR, and a valid driver's license.
- Willing to submit to a formal background check.

Preference will be given to applicants who have:

- Knowledge of New England hazards, mammals, tracking, edible/medicinal plants, navigation, field ecology, trees, survival techniques, and birds/bird language.
- Experience as a naturalist leader working with youth in an outdoors.
- Frequently participated in White Pine Programs as either a youth or adult

Compensation/Benefits:

- Dependent upon experience
- Base pay is \$14 per hour (approximately \$160 per wk)
- All White Pine staff may attend local adult programs free of charge

How to apply:

Download & complete a fillable [employment application](#) from our [website](#). Fill out the application form **along with a current resume AND cover letter** and email it to: dan@whitepineprograms.org

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