



Teen Wilderness Hike Leader

Teatown Lake Reservation, the largest community supported, non-profit environmental education center in Westchester County, New York, is seeking a seasonal **Teen Wilderness Hike Leader** to work as part of the camp team during our 8-week summer camp. This position requires an outgoing, mature, and responsible person who will lead teenagers on popular hikes in the lower Hudson Valley, encouraging youth to explore, develop friendships, and learn to respect all living things. Ideal candidates will have a science/nature background and experience working with children ages 12 through 14.

Position Summary: The **Teen Wilderness Hike Leader** is charged with leading Teatown's oldest campers on off-site hikes while safely sparking curiosity about our regional ecology. The Teen Wilderness Hike Leader provides a safe, fun, and educational camp experience. Camp will take place Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm. The Teen Wilderness Hike Leader must become familiar with our camp safety plan and trip rules, as well as the trail system at Teatown, and is responsible for safely leading campers on nature hikes ranging in difficulty.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Daily supervision and safety of Teen Explorers (ages 13-14).
2. Coordinate off-site trips for group with Camp Director. Assess group ability, trip appropriateness, trail safety, and weather conditions daily.
3. With Camp Director, keep bus driver informed of daily destination, driving directions, and drop-off and pick-up locations.
4. Inform Camp Director immediately of any changes in daily trip plan or of an emergency.
5. Act as Explorers Health Director. Administer basic first aid, keep health log for Explorers, contact 911 and Camp Director in case of emergency. Keep Camp Health Director informed of all health issues with Explorers group.
6. Coordinate activities, games, and crafts for group.
7. Teach on natural history topics and the environment.
8. Work to establish teamwork and compatibility within group. Ensure safe conduct between campers on bus and on trails.
9. Prepare daily lessons and organize materials to carry out activities.
10. Attend all staff meetings, training, and evaluation sessions.
11. Work in conjunction with Director and Assistant Director to keep parents informed of camper issues.
12. Responsible for maintenance and cleanliness of equipment.

Position Requirements/Qualifications:

1. Must be at least 21 years of age and have experience working with teens.
2. Experience in environmental education helpful but not necessary; interest and/or education in the natural sciences preferred.
3. Knowledge of lower Hudson Valley and Westchester hiking areas preferred.
4. Previous CPR/Wilderness First Aid certifications preferred.
5. Must be able to meet physical demands of summertime hiking on varied terrain.

Work Schedule: This is a seasonal position of approximately 7 hours of work per day Monday through Friday, July 1- August 23, 2025 (including July 4). This position will be performed in person and on-site at Teatown Lake Reservation between the hours of 8:30am - 3:30pm.

Training Plan: Required attendance during a weeklong training program, June 24-June 28, 2025. Training covers safety procedures, group dynamics, activity ideas, lesson planning, tour of buildings and grounds. Training will include CPR/ First Aid/Epi-Pen certification.

Benefits: Because this is a seasonal position, this position will not be eligible for Teatown's benefits package, including paid vacation, medical, dental, vision, and 403(b) retirement benefits.

Pay Rate: \$126/day (\$18/hr)

To Apply: Submit an application, résumé, and three references to Emily Edmonds-Langham, Director of Education, eedmonds@teatown.org. No calls please.

This position has an anticipated start date of June 2025. Position remains open until filled. Teatown Lake Reservation is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to a diverse and inclusive environment for all employees.