

Wilderkids Urban Forest School

On-Site Summer Camp Director 2026

Job Responsibilities

Promote fun, open ended play and relationship-building with a strong emphasis on nature exploration
Manage supplies and implement daily activities and routines
Oversee and collaborate with adult leaders and teen counselors
Serve as point person for caregivers, welcoming campers, ensuring smooth check -in/check out process and addressing conflicts that arise
Communicate rules and regulations clearly and thoroughly
Substitute for small group leaders as needed
Work in conjunction with the Executive Director who will offer support and guidance in the role and assistance when needed

Job Requirements:

Substantial childcare or teaching experience (minimum 5 years)
Understanding of the importance of play to child development
Love of children and nature
Strong leadership, communication and organizational skills
Background check and CPR/1st Aid certified (or willing to obtain)

The On-Site Director role is **approximately 25 hours/week MONDAY – THURSDAY from 9:30am – 3:30pm.**

The pay is approx. \$650/week for 8 weeks (June & July with one week off around July 4th)

Tentative training and prep days will be the last week of May.

Start day June 1st/ End day July 30th (with possible 1-2 weeks in August)

The On-Site Director is someone who is highly empathetic to children's needs and can be playful and positive in various outdoor conditions and calm and collected in the face of risks or unexpected events. The ideal candidate can marvel in the wonders of nature themselves while allowing and encouraging others' experiences of deep nature connection.

***Wilderkids offers** outdoor, play-based, Forest School -inspired classes and camps for children ages 5-10 at parks in St. Louis. Children are given emotional support to take risks and explore nature with other kids in new and different ways. Games, songs, and nature crafts are offered. Things like climbing trees, exploring a creek and finding and catching wildlife like bugs or frogs are all welcomed and encouraged. Scholarship spots and discounts are given to families in need. Candidates of ALL backgrounds, colors and creeds are encouraged to apply!*