



Outdoor Intern

DESCRIPTION

The Little Blue Creche is a Reggio-inspired nursery school (0-3 years), summer day camp (4-10 years), and coworking space for parents opening this Summer in Ventura, California. Our programs reflect our belief that children learn naturally through play, observation, investigation, and connection. We foster a love for exploration, creativity, and environmental stewardship through activities like kayaking, puddle play, forest exploration, creek discovery, and STEM-based education. Our camp embraces a forest school model, where children are guided in unstructured outdoor play and inquiry-based learning. We believe that time spent in wild places leads to a strong environmental ethic later in life. Our vision is to rewild childhood to rewild the planet.

We seek an Outdoor Intern who can assist our educators in leading our adventurers (7-10 years) this summer. The ideal candidate will be enrolled in an Associate or Bachelor's program in Education, Early Childhood, Outdoor Education, Recreation, or Environmental Education and/or have an understanding of nature-based education and/or the forest school model. Camp runs Monday-Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, skilled, and adventurous Outdoor Intern to assist our campers in a fun, safe, and educational outdoor setting. As an Outdoor Intern, you will help facilitate a variety of activities that engage children in nature-based exploration, foster curiosity, and build STEM skills in the natural world. This role requires a balance of creativity, safety awareness, and environmental knowledge to help campers develop a lifelong appreciation for nature.

The pay range for this position is \$17-18 an hour. This is a 5-week position and is perfect for those on summer break.

Start date: July 6, 2025-August 8, 2025

We seek candidates who are:

- Sustainability minded
- Flexible and creative
- Experienced in nature-based or environmental education
- Exceptional with children
- Positive and open-minded

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- Happy in collaborative environments with families and educators
- Lifelong learners

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Enrolled in an A.A., B.A. or B.S program in a related field (Education, Early Childhood, Outdoor Education, Environmental Education, Environmental Studies, or the like)
2. CPR and First Aid Certification
3. Physical stamina to lead outdoor activities in all types of weather.

Preferred

- Outdoor Leadership experience
- Trained lifeguard
- Knowledge and experience with the forest school model or nature-based education

Key Responsibilities:

- **Assist in Leading Outdoor Activities:**
Help guide groups of children in activities such as kayaking, forest exploration, creek exploration, puddle play, sand and water play, bike riding, and nature walks. Work with the lead educator to incorporate STEM concepts into these activities to promote problem-solving and curiosity-driven learning.
- **Assist in Implementing Nature-Based Curriculum:**
Assist in delivering lessons based on the forest school model, ensuring that all activities encourage discovery, critical thinking, and hands-on learning. Emphasize environmental science, ecology, and natural history.
- **Foster Positive Relationships:**
Build strong, supportive relationships with campers, encouraging teamwork, respect for nature, and personal growth. Act as a mentor and role model to children.
- **Promote Safety and Well-being:**
Ensure the safety of campers during all outdoor activities, particularly when engaging in water-based activities like kayaking. Maintain awareness of potential risks and implement safety protocols to minimize them.
- **Team Collaboration:**
Work closely with other camp staff to create a positive, inclusive, and fun camp culture. Participate in weekly staff meetings and collaborate on event planning and camp-wide initiatives.

- **Environmental Stewardship:**

Model and encourage respect for the environment. Lead discussions about conservation, wildlife, and the importance of protecting natural spaces. Promote sustainable practices both in and outside of camp.

TO APPLY:

Please submit:

- Cover letter
- Resumé
- Minimum of 2 references

Please address inquiries to Melissa B. Wilder, CEO. Please submit all documents by emailing them to info@bluecreche.com.