



GROUNDWORK

Lawrence

Urban Adventures Summer Program Counselor Position (Part-time, Seasonal)

Application Priority Deadline: Friday April 9th, 2021

Who We Are

GWL's mission and operations are premised on the understanding that environmental conditions are inextricably linked to the economic and social health of a neighborhood. As a consequence, GWL is committed to "changing places and changing lives" through on-the-ground projects that help to transform local communities.

What You Will Do

Urban Adventures Summer Program is a summer youth program designed to provide children with a fun-filled summer camp-like experience within the heart of Lawrence while promoting social emotional learning, environmental stewardship, sustainability, nutrition, academic excellence, team building, creative expression, and regional exploration. Groundwork Lawrence is working in partnership with community-based organizations to administer this program. Urban Adventures is designated for youth ages 11-14. Students will investigate healthy food access, sustainability, and/or environmental stewardship in the Lawrence community and create service-learning projects to promote positive change and community learning on these topics. All programming will adhere to and follow CDC guidelines for a safe and healthy summer experience, whether that be in-person or virtual.

Groundwork Lawrence (GWL) is seeking a responsible, intelligent, creative adult **18 years or older** with a passion for working with Lawrence youth, both indoors and outdoors, to hire as a Counselor for the 2021 season. The Counselor will lead the delivery of service learning and related topic instruction, guidance, and supervision of youth in accordance with programmatic goals and health and safety regulations as mandated by partner organizations and the state. There will also be a mandatory training period and some curriculum development prior to the summer season. This is a seasonal paid position with 18-25 hr/wk. Below is a sample of job responsibilities required for this position. Changes to and additions to such responsibilities may occur depending on the needs of the program.

Job Responsibilities:

- Participate in training activities, including a week-long, paid training prior to the beginning of the program on topics including but not limited to service learning, social emotional learning, and program curriculum.
- Use provided curriculum to prepare lessons and materials for program activities.
- Integrate social emotional and service learning into educational programming.
- Adhere to all CDC guidelines and expectations in the prevention of COVID-19
- Maintain the safety of youth by monitoring and adhering to program and partner policies, rules, and procedures.
- Lead virtual activities utilizing provided platform (ex. Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meets) examples include science explorations, online games and videos, virtual field trips, arts/crafts, & technology
- Lead in-person activities (if in-person) including but not limited to gardening, nature explorations, science experiments, cooking, games, arts/crafts, & technology
- Perform duties pertaining to daily program activities, including daily set-up and wrap up.
- Be available to work the entire duration of the season and daily schedule.
- Collaborate with other counselors and junior counselors for program planning, curriculum development/adjustment and implementation.
- Be available to report and reflect on student outcomes and curriculum efficacy daily.



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What We Seek

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 18 years of age, US citizen or permanent resident status
- Have experience working with youth in-person or virtually
- Have an interest in working with youth, environmental education, community engagement, healthy food access, cooking, science, urban agriculture and/or the outdoors
- Demonstrate an understanding of age-appropriate activities and teaching ability for youth
- Successful and satisfactory completion of a background check, both Criminal and Sexual Offender Record Information.
- Access to internet and technology necessary for virtual programming
- Ability to participate in physical activities, including extensive walks, garden activities, and games.
- Ability to work effectively independently and as part of a team
- Experience or desire to work in multicultural settings
- Provide mentorship and advising to junior counselors.

Desired Qualifications:

- 2 years of college in related field or 1 year experience in developing and teaching environmental education, healthy food access, sustainability, cooking, science, urban agriculture and/or the outdoors to youth
- Bilingual in English and Spanish
- CPR/First Aid certified

Compensation: \$18/hour*

*Subject to change dependent upon experience and pending grant funding

Employment Dates:

- Approximately June 21st - August 6th; 18-25 hours/week

*Subject to change depending on partner sites' availability and/or changes to LPS schedule due to snow days

Hiring Process:

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. We strongly suggest applicants apply as early as possible.

To Apply:

Please email a resume expressing your interest in this position to: hr@groundworklawrence.org. Please include the position you are applying for in the subject line. **No phone calls please.**

*Hiring Policy: Groundwork Lawrence is an equal opportunity employer. We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation/identification, or any legally protected status. **City of Lawrence residents are strongly encouraged to apply.***