



# Dunes Learning Center

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## Position Announcement

**Position Title:** Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainee

**General Description:** Dunes Learning Center (DLC) is a residential education facility within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (INDU) that works in close partnership with the National Park Service (NPS). Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainees are members of the program staff at the DLC and may have the opportunity to work with the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore summer programs. Camp Counselor/Naturalist Trainees will supervise summer camp residents while developing their outdoor education and resource interpretation skills and techniques. Specific duties include leading evening activities, including large and small group games and campfires, hosting a tent camp out with campers, hosting and supervising a beach party picnic with campers, leading table helper/weather helper and flag raising activities, and overnight supervision of campers in cabins. Camp Counselors/Naturalist Trainees also have the opportunity to shadow NPS staff and to attend educator trainings on a variety of topics.

**Term of Position:** Full-time 10 week position (2 weeks of training-8 weeks of camp), involves weekend and evening hours/

### Responsibilities:

- Supervise summer camp residents overnight in cabins on the campus of Dunes Learning Center
- Lead and assist in leading portions of the summer camp program at DLC
- Ensure safety and well-being of program participants
- May Assist park rangers instructing participants in INDU's ParKids Day Camp Program
- Attend training workshops, NPS shadowing sessions and regularly scheduled staff meetings

### Required Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Physically able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and hike several miles over hilly dunes terrain while carrying a 20-lb backpack
- Enthusiastic about working with children in an outdoor setting

### Desired Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in an academic program (Associate or Bachelor level) in any degree area including, but not limited to: Communication, Education, General Studies, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Biology, Parks and Recreation Management, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Resource or Heritage Interpretation, Outdoor or Environmental Education, or related field
- Great independent worker and team player
- Prior experience in outdoor education, residential camp setting, nature centers, or day camps
- Lifesaving and water safety certification

**Benefits:** \$200.00 per week stipend, housing in cabins shared with summer camp residents on the campus of Dunes Learning Center, uniforms, First Aid and CPR training, meals when groups are in residence, and professional development opportunities.

**To Apply:** E-mail a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to be contacted (written references are not necessary) to Amy Workman, Education Director, Dunes Learning Center; 219-395-9555, ext. 3; [aworkman@duneslearningcenter.org](mailto:aworkman@duneslearningcenter.org).