

Position Available: Teacher, School-age Summer Camp

Classification: Seasonal

Hobson School (www.hobsonschool.org) seeks teachers for Camp Hobson's all outdoor "Big Kid Summer Camp". Hobson's mission is to provide a play-based education of the highest quality, and create a supportive community in which children, parents, and teachers flourish. Our school's wooded setting provides a unique opportunity for children to learn through play in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

Camp Teachers provide high-quality play-based early education for children aged 5 -8 in Hobson's outdoor classroom. Teachers plan and implement developmentally appropriate experiences which integrate Hobson School's relationship-, play-, and nature-based philosophy into the daily curriculum. Teachers work with the Camp Director to create a playful and responsive climate conducive to social interaction and child-directed exploration and learning.

Principal Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Plans and implements the daily program activities for the class as a whole AND for each individual child.
- Possesses knowledge of school-age child development.
- Uses effective and positive guidance techniques.
- Helps the Camp Director develop the outdoor environment and physical set-up for camp.
- Ensures the health and safety of children at all times through constant supervision, good hygiene practices and working knowledge of Hobson policies and procedures.
- Respects parents and establishes a good rapport and working relationship with them.
- Respects and maintains confidentiality about children and families in the school at all times.
- Works cooperatively with camp co-teacher to plan and implement camp programming.
- Attends camp training and staff meetings.
- Conforms with the By-laws, and school policies as described in the current parent handbook, the most current personnel policy, and the employment contract for the current school year.
- If Director qualified, assumes the responsibilities and authority of the Director in his/her absence.
- Performs other related duties, as necessary.

Job Qualifications:

- Must meet DCFS requirements for early childhood teachers: "Sixty semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of credits from an accredited college or university with six semester or nine quarter hours in courses related directly to child care and/or child development, from birth to age six;" or school-age workers: "Thirty semester hours (or 45 quarter hours) of credit from an accredited college or university with six semester hours (or nine quarter hours) related to school-age child care, child development, elementary education, physical education, recreation, camping or other related fields; or and complete a background check."
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development from a fully accredited institution is preferred.
- Demonstrated knowledge of child development and curriculum planning.
- Previous experience facilitating nature play and outdoor programs, a plus.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing.
- Ability to function cooperatively and effectively in a team setting.
- Ability to maintain a sense of humor, positive perspective and deal with stress.

Physical/Mental Requirements:

This is a physically demanding position that requires lifting (up to 40 lbs.), keen observation, and the ability to move quickly.

- Must be able to observe children by sight and sound, and clearly communicate verbally.
- Must be able to maneuver on outdoor surfaces such as: sloping ground, grass, gravel, wood chips and sand.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Must be able to sit and rise from low chairs or floor, and move easily across carpet, wood floors, linoleum and area rugs.
- Must be able to lift children (if necessary), move equipment and small pieces of furniture as needed.
- Must be able to move large pieces of furniture with assistance.

This is a mentally demanding position that requires sensitivity to the unique needs of individual children and their families in a group setting.

- Must demonstrate respect for diversity and family culture.
- Must possess a friendly, courteous and enthusiastic personality.
- Must be able to clearly communicate with children, students and parents in person, in writing and by telephone.

Schedule & Compensation:

Big Kid Summer Camp runs for three weeks of June 14-18; 21-25; 28-2, with morning (8:15 am - 12:45 pm) and afternoon (Noon - 4:30 pm) sessions offered each day. \$21.00 per hour and approximately 22.5 hours of teaching time and 6 hours planning time per camp session. Teachers are encouraged to teach more than one camp session.

COVID-19 Policies:

Masks are required for both children, teachers, and parents at all times when on Hobson School Grounds. Children are socially distanced when eating or drinking with masks off. Frequent hand washing and sanitizing of play materials and equipment occurs throughout the day.

If interested, please forward letter and resume to camphobson@hobsonschool.org

Hobson School is an equal opportunity employer committed to achieving a diverse workforce.