

French Broad RiverCamp



Position

Day Camp Counselor

Summary

French Broad RiverCamp is a week-long day camp for rising 3rd-5th and 5th-8th graders that focuses on the French Broad Watershed. Camp counselors will report directly to the Education Coordinator/Camp Director to ensure a fun and safe experience for all campers. Counselors will work approximately 6 hours a day, 5 days a week for the duration of camp and will be compensated \$11/hr.

Camp dates are: **June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 10-14** . Applicants must be available for all dates.

FBRC is run by RiverLink, a 501(c)3 non-profit that promotes the environmental and economic vitality of the French Broad River and its watershed as a place to live, learn, work and play.

Duties

- Supervise and help facilitate activities for up to 12 campers from 9am-4pm
 - Activities include river recreation (rafting, swimming, canoeing), environmental education lessons, and service-learning (e.g. habitat restoration and river clean-ups)
- Compassionately and appropriately manage camper behavior
- Share duties transporting campers in a 15-passenger van
- Provide either pre- or post-care for campers from 7:30am to 9am or 4pm to 6pm
- Communicate professionally with parents and guardians
- Represent RiverLink well and help campers to do the same while in public
- Log hours worked on a timesheet

Requirements

- Candidates must be 18 years of age and eligible to work legally in the United States
- Clean driving record, with experience and comfort driving large vehicles preferred
- Ability to pass a background check
- Must be able to attend each day of camp
- Ability to work outdoors six hours a day and to engage in or assist with physical activities including river recreation and river cleanups (may include heavy lifting)

Required Skills, Experience, and Attributes

- College degree or equivalent experience, or currently enrolled in college; preferably in Environmental Studies or Science or a relevant field
- Experience and passion for working with youth, preferably experience with ages 8-14
- Must be certified, at minimum, in First Aid and CPR by camp start date (June 12)
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations and make decisions that reflect the importance of camper and staff safety
- Ability to work closely with one other counselor and the camp director
- Ability to take direction from the camp director
- A sense of humor, positive attitude, and patience working with campers and volunteers

Preferred Skills and Experience

- Experience leading youth outdoors
- Experience working with diverse groups of youth
- River recreation skill or experience (canoeing or rafting)
- Knowledge of Western North Carolina's ecology, especially as it pertains to rivers

To Apply

Please email Micaela Hyams, Education Coordinator, at Micaela@riverlink.org with:

- A brief cover letter stating your interest and qualifications
- Résumé (be sure to include your school and area of study/ degree)
- Any relevant certifications (CPR, First Aid, etc.)
- Availability
- Two references