



ELEMENTS LEARNING COLLABORATIVE
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Join Our Team!

Camp Counselor - Learning Guide

July 11 - August 31: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Hours: 8:15am - 4:15pm. 24 hours per week. Must be available for at least 2 of 8 weeks, plus a full day of training.

Location: Round the Bend Farm, 92 Allen Neck Road, South Dartmouth, MA

Pay Rate: \$16/hr

The Organization

Since 2018, Elements Learning Collaborative(ELC), a 501 (c)(3) non- profit organization, provides Summer Elements Nature Camp for children ages 4-10. Our mission is to provide children of diverse backgrounds with holistic, joyful and child-centered learning experiences in nature; ones that foster social and emotional development as well as responsibility and independence. Summer Elements is a healthy, enriching, and fun nature based youth day camp that takes place at Round the Bend Farm: A Center for Restorative Community (www.roundthebendfarm.org), in South Dartmouth, MA. Using the natural setting of the farm, fields, and nature trails we provide a holistic learning approach where the curriculum is based on child-led interests as well as local ecosystems, healthy movement, food systems, art, literature, mathematics, science, music & social thinking. Both counselors and campers have the opportunity to explore learning and teaching through hands-on project based learning in the gardens, with the livestock, and in the surrounding natural ecosystems. In addition to Summer Elements, ELC also offers a year-round school alternative for homeschooled children, parent-child programs, parent support, and a downloadable nature-based curriculum. All ELC programs are licensed by the Dartmouth Board of Health.

We look forward to receiving your resume!

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Camp Counselors must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have at least 1 year experience providing care for children (ex: teaching, babysitting, volunteering with a youth program, childcare facility).
- Be able to plan age appropriate activities (familiar with child development).
- Be able to prepare and present activities and short lessons clearly.
- Be able to confidently manage the attention and energy of groups of 5-6 children.
- Pass a CORI & SORI check.
- Complete a 2-hour online safety training and a 1-day staff training.

Job Responsibilities:

Responsibilities to the Directors:

- Be familiar with the program policies and staff handbook.
- Supervise the children, while maintaining safe child to staff ratios.
- Assist in establishing and maintaining a harmonious group.
- Lead lessons and activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual development by engaging the children in a cohesive, lively, intriguing manner.
- Encourage the children to be independent. Provide assistance only when needed and in a manner that guides the learner to develop their skills.
- Model for them appropriate manners and behaviors at all times.
- Always be available to offer gentle verbal or physical support and a pause when a child is struggling; with gear, with friends, with missing a parent, etc.
- Inform the lead guide and/or director of any difficulties within the program, including behavior management, health, and the repair and maintenance of materials/ equipment.

Responsibilities to the Children and Parents:

- Respect the child and their individual learning styles, and development.
- Be patient and calm when children are struggling with difficult behaviors.
- Engage in age appropriate conversations with campers.
- Keep families' personal, financial, and health information confidential.
- Share all pertinent information about children's health and wellness with a Director.

Responsibilities to the Classroom:

- Clean and tidy workspaces after use, ensuring assistance from children involved.
- Providing the children with a "prepared environment".
- Keep the learning area inviting and relevant to the children's interests.
- Demonstrate and remind children to keep the space neat and clean when removing gear and eating meals.
- Actively include children in keeping themselves and the space neat and clean when removing gear and eating meals.