



## **Job Announcement:** **Camp Tule Counselor**

**July 8-12, July 22-26 and August 5-9, 2019**



### **Camp Tule Overview**

Located at the Laguna Environmental Center, Santa Rosa, Camp Tule is a nature-based day camp for children aged 6-10 years. Camp Tule is a place where children grow creatively, look closely, and spend structured and unstructured time exploring and playing in nature. Each camp day (9-3, M-F) will be spent outdoors and filled with exploration, discovery, creativity and nature games all designed to connect children to the environment. Children will learn about the native plants and animals of the Laguna de Santa Rosa ecosystem in a supportive and encouraging environment. Camp is designed to foster wonder in children so each child can delight in the world we share.

### **Position Summary**

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation seeks motivated and capable high school students and young adults to assist in the facilitation of *Laguna Explorers: Camp Tule*. Counselors will:

- Learn about the Laguna de Santa Rosa ecosystem and receive training in effective strategies for working with children and environmental education field teaching.
- Help naturalists lead groups of campers in nature games, crafts, hiking, and more
- Lead games, crafts and activities in small groups as appropriate
- Supervise campers during lunch and free time
- Attend morning & afternoon meetings with all Camp staff to reflect, plan and set-up for coming day.
- Help keep campers safe and happy by using positive motivation techniques and working within the Camp prescribed codes of conduct
- Support the camp philosophy of encouraging nature connection through inquisitiveness
- Attend staff training (date and time TBD) and learn the Camp Tule staff handbook
- Commit to volunteering at Camp for 16-40 hours during one, two or (preferably) three weeks of camp (16-120 hours possible).

### **Benefits of being a Camp Tule Counselor:**

- Spend time outdoors in a beautiful spot, having fun and getting exercise and fresh air
- Learn about environmental education techniques from skilled and experienced educators
- Practice outdoor teaching and leadership skills for working with youth (group management, small and large group nature based games, inquiry based exploration of the natural world, skills to safely lead youth hikes)
- Upon successful completion of the job, you will be eligible for a letter of recommendation outlining successes and skills achieved as a Camp Tule Counselor.

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience, interest and comfort working with groups of children in the field (always with another educator)
- Positive attitude with an enthusiastic desire to be a role-model, advisor, teacher and friend to children
- Emotional maturity exhibiting a responsible and cooperative spirit
- Desire to learn & share that curiosity

- Interest in environmental education
- Leadership skills or a desire to develop them
- Bilingual skills a plus
- Previous camp experiences a plus (either as a camper yourself or counselor in training)

**Time:** The minimum commitment is 24 hours during one of the camp sessions, plus attendance at two training sessions. For the smooth functioning of Camp, we prefer to offer positions to qualified people who are available for 40 hours during each of the three of the camp sessions. Hours are flexible but personal schedules must be set and adhered to.

**Pay:** \$11.75-\$12.00 per hour. Camp Tule Counselors are temporary positions.

### **Typical Camp Schedule**

- ☼ 7:30-8:55 AM: Staff set-up & prepare for the day, camper check-in
- ☼ 9:00: Camp starts
- ☼ 9:00-9:30: Circle – morning greetings & a whole group activity
- ☼ 9:30-11:45: Nature explorations: walks, games, challenges
- ☼ 11:45-12:30: Lunch & free time
- ☼ 12:30-2:30: Explorations in Creativity, natural history and stewardship
- ☼ 2:30-3:00: Closing Circle – stories of the day
- ☼ 3:00: Campers depart
- ☼ 3:00-3:30: Staff de-brief, clean-up & prepare for the next day

**To become a Camp Tule Counselor:** Complete and submit the job application right away and no later than June 1, 2019. Submit application via either:

- **Email:** [christine@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:christine@lagunafoundation.org)
- **Mail/Deliver:** Laguna Foundation, Attn: Christine Fontaine 900 Sanford Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

**Call:** 527.9277 x102 or email [christine@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:christine@lagunafoundation.org) with any questions.

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### **About the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation**

Founded in 1989, the Laguna Foundation is a place-based organization focused on the Laguna de Santa Rosa and the surrounding wetland communities. We are a non-profit with the mission to restore and conserve the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to inspire public appreciation of this Sonoma County Wetland of International Importance.

Our work focuses on Ecological Restoration, Conservation and Inspiration:

- Establishing tens of thousands of native trees and plants and removing non-native invasive species which improves water quality, restores lost habitat, improves bio-diversity and mitigates climate change.
- Collaborating with land stewardship, resource management planning and implementation with a broad spectrum of stakeholders including private and public landowners, governmental agencies and non-profits.
- Conducting conservation science research on endangered species, restoration effectiveness, and invasive species mapping to inform both our own and partner stewardship efforts.
- Training volunteer docents to teach students in the classroom and visitors to the Laguna Environmental Center about the Laguna's important role in our watershed.
- Bringing school groups to the Laguna for explorations of this unique habitat.
- Educating community members about the Laguna's complex wetland ecosystem through our public events that include workshops, lectures, guided nature walks and hands-on, science-based activities.