



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

Camp Weeks: June 22-26, July 6-10, and July 13-17, 2020



### **Camp Tule Overview**

Located at the Laguna Environmental Center in Santa Rosa, Camp Tule is a nature-based day camp for children aged 6-11 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 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 and college students 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 teach environmental education activities.
- Initiate and lead nature games, crafts, group play, etc. as appropriate.
- Supervise campers during lunch and free time
- 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 morning & afternoon meetings with all Camp staff to reflect, plan and prepare.
- Attend staff training (**June 16 & 17 from 9am-3pm**) and learn the Camp Tule staff handbook
- Commit to working at Camp for up to 40 hours during one, two or (preferably) three weeks of camp.

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

- Spend time outdoors in a beautiful spot, having fun and getting exercise and fresh air
- Learn about the Laguna ecosystem and environmental education techniques from experienced educators
- Practice outdoor teaching and leadership skills.
- 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.
- Positive attitude with an enthusiastic desire to be a role-model, friend and teacher to children
- Emotional maturity; responsible; cooperative spirit
- Ability to be a contributing member of a team
- Desire to learn & share your 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 staff 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.

**Pay:** \$14.00-\$14.50 per hour. Camp Tule Counselors are temporary positions.

### **Typical Camp Schedule**

- 🌀 8:00 AM: Staff meeting & preparation for the day
- 🌀 8:45: Camper sign-in begins
- 🌀 9:00: Camp begins
- 🌀 9:00-9:30: Circle – morning greetings & a whole group activity
- 🌀 9:30-Noon: Nature explorations: walks, games, stewardship
- 🌀 12:00-12:30: Camper Lunch time
- 🌀 12:30-2:30: Explorations in creativity
- 🌀 2:30-3:00: Closing Circle – stories of the day
- 🌀 3:00: Campers depart
- 🌀 3:00-4:00: Staff de-brief, clean-up & prepare for the next day

### **Application Process:**

Complete and submit the job application ASAP. Deadline: **5:00 PM on May 18, 2020:**

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

**Questions: Contact Christine Fontaine:** 527.9277 x102 or email [christine@lagunafoundation.org](mailto:christine@lagunafoundation.org)

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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:

- Establish 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.
- Collaborate with land stewardship, resource management planning and implementation with a broad spectrum of stakeholders including private and public landowners, governmental agencies and non-profits.
- Conduct conservation science research on endangered species, restoration effectiveness, and invasive species mapping to inform both our own and partner stewardship efforts.
- Train volunteer docents to teach students in the classroom and visitors to the Laguna Environmental Center about the Laguna's important role in our watershed.
- Bring school children to the Laguna for explorations of this unique habitat.
- Educate 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.



# Laguna Explorers: Camp Tule Counselor & Intern Application

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Home Phone**

**Mobile Phone:**

**Email:**

**If you are under 18 years old, please complete this section:**

Parent/Guardian 1

Name:

Address:

Home Phone

Mobile

Work

Email:

- **Please describe why you would like to be part of the Camp Tule leadership team.**
  
- **Tell us about any classes or trainings you have participated in that focused on nature or ecology or that have helped prepare you to teach or care for children.**

