

Job Title: Educator, Home Base Learning Center

Reports to Darrin Johnson, Director of Program, Spirit of Adventure Council BSA

Based on the pandemic related societal needs to increase educational and child-care options we have safely expanded our resources to add additional buildings and increases utilization of our 100+ acres of outdoor space to provide flexible educational options. In this vein we are seeking additional educators and staff to work with children in flexible part-time and full-time positions.

Job Purpose

The New England Base Camp is seeking several motivated, experienced, and passionate educators to join a nature-based, experiential, and holistic education program and parent cooperative (Home Base Learning Center) for homeschool families. In the primary context of nature and with a focus on community and project-based learning, our program is aimed at supporting the intellectual (including academic), social, emotional, and physical development of young people, grades K-8. Home Base is for homeschool families seeking a professionally-staffed and parent supported consistent learning community for their children, where Positive Youth Development, Social Justice, and Earth Stewardship are the guiding values.

The educator would facilitate all levels of learning for children ages 5 to 14 through projectbased experiences in an outdoor setting and collaborate with families and the Spirit of Adventure Council BSA to develop and execute this growing program.

Duties and responsibilities

- Maintain a context that is physically, emotionally, and socially safe and welcoming for participants and their families
- Establish rituals and routines to build community that recognize and respect the values of families and the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
- Collaborate with other educators to plan, prepare, and conduct project-based activities for the participants
- Differentiate instruction for unique interests and capabilities of learners
- Provide information to lead educators and at times directly participate in regular interactions with the family to discuss goals for the child's development in all areas (i.e., social, emotional, and academic)
- Support children's continuing development of core reading, writing, and math skills in a project-based context
- Operate within budget parameters
- Collaborate with the New England Base Camp and the BSA to define and promote the growth of the program
- Work collaboratively with other educators and program staff to deliver additional youth development opportunities

Other functions of the job may include but are not limited to the following

- Maintain appropriate certifications as required by the BSA
- Participate in regional educational conferences to share the philosophy and model of the Home Base Learning Center

Qualifications

- At least 3 years of education experience
- Experience working with children in an outdoor setting

- Curriculum development experience
- Teaching license K-8 (preferred)
- Ability to teach a wide range of children in multi-age settings
- Believes wholeheartedly and trusts in children's natural desire and ability to learn
- Enthusiasm for being outdoors in all types of weather conditions
- Interest in and motivation to grow the program

Working conditions

The Home Base Learning Center is housed by the New England Base Camp at Camp Sayre in the Blue Hills in Milton, MA. Although there are multiple indoor venues for use, it is the intent of the program to be outdoors much of the time. Accordingly, applicants must be willing and able to teach outdoors during all seasons of operation. There may also be instances when a person in this role will need to facilitate sessions during extended day hours as well as on Saturdays.

Physical requirements

Due to the nature of the program, applicants will be physically active with energetic children throughout the entire day. It will therefore be a physically demanding job and will require a high level of physical fitness.

All interested applicants should send a current resume and cover letter to:
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