



TrailsforYouth.Org Jr. Counselor Job Opportunity

Job Title: Jr. Counselor -- Trailblazer Outdoor Enthusiast

Employer: TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO), Springfield, VA

Job Status: Part time, Counselor, April-November (or portions of this if necessary)

Pay Rate: \$10.00/hour, *paid monthly*, average 5-10 hours per week

Application Deadline: March 27, 2017 or ongoing if not filled

Interviews Conducted: Ongoing

Mandatory Training Day: Sunday, April 2, 1pm -4pm, discussion, training and bike ride (weather permitting).

Application Process: Applications will be reviewed and responded to via email and will be interviewed. If accepted then applicants *must* attend the training date set for April 2, 2017.

Questions or to submit application email: julie@trailsforyouth.org

TrailsforYouth.Org Mission and History:

TrailsforYouth.Org (TYO) is a 501c(3) non-profit founded in 2003. Our mission is to mentor at-risk youth and provide opportunities for all children to benefit from a healthy, active lifestyle through safe outdoor experiences. We believe all youth should have the opportunity to discover, explore, and connect to their natural world while improving their overall health and well-being. We provide the opportunities for the at-risk youth to reach their full potential, engage in meaningful outdoor recreation, receive a boost in self-esteem and “overcome obstacles on the trail and in life!”

Job Description:

TYO's programs involve many outdoor recreation activities such as trail bike rides, hikes, kayaking and camping. Events take place outdoors at parks in and around Springfield, VA (with exception of overnight camping trip and some mountain bike races). Jr. Counselor duties will include taking part in the activities while assisting adult lead counselors in running events, preparing equipment, assistance with community pump track on-going maintenance, mentoring/engaging with the youth throughout the events and clean-up and could include office assistant work. The Jr. Counselor job encourages environmental and health stewardship in youth through enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for nature while helping to provide a joyful, safe, meaningful outdoor experience for the youth.

Desired Skills and Abilities, Jr. Counselors should:

- ❖ Have strong communication skills with adults and children;
- ❖ Be a team player, outgoing, resourceful, and energetic;
- ❖ Have an interest in nature, environmental education and health;
- ❖ Excited about helping kids and furthering TYO's mission.

Minimum Qualifications:

- ❖ Age 15-21;
- ❖ Background review / check (TYO helps with this);
- ❖ Preference for Spanish language skills;
- ❖ Preference for participation with TYO or other similar youth orientated outdoor orgs;
- ❖ Minorities encouraged to apply.

Compensation:

- ❖ This is a paid counselor position, \$10/hour on average 5-10 hours per week.

