



GREATER FARALLONES ASSOCIATION

Marine Explorers Summer Camp Counselor Greater Farallones Association (GFA)

Summary Job Description:

The [Marine Explorers Summer Camp](#) is an outdoor, field-trip based summer camp designed to provide children with direct experiences to connect with their national marine sanctuaries and increase their ocean literacy through exploration and discovery. The camp takes place 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday, with a different group of students at each weekly camp session from July 11th - August 4th. The camp is operated through a partnership between Greater Farallones Association and the Randall Museum. The Camp Counselor will be an employee of Greater Farallones Association, with potential to work with staff directly from the Randall Museum in this joint camp experience offered widely through the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

The Marine Explorers Summer Camp counselor will deliver engaging ocean science programs in an outdoor coastal setting for the Marine Explorers Summer Camp. The counselor supervises campers during all camp activities and transports campers from NOAA's Visitor Center at Crissy Field to coastal field trip sites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. This position requires a commitment to work eight-hour days, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday during the duration of camp. There will also be one full day of training on July 7, 2022.

This is a **full-time, temporary position** through Greater Farallones Association, with a possibility of extension part-time into the fall as a marine science instructor. It is not exempt from overtime labor rules, and required breaks will be carefully observed.

Background:

Greater Farallones Association (GFA) is a nonprofit organization working in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conserve the ecosystems of Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. This includes protecting the wildlife and habitats of one of the most diverse and bountiful marine environments in the world, located just a few miles from San Francisco. GFA is committed to providing opportunities to the next generation of marine scientists and educators from all backgrounds, and is dedicated to raising awareness and stewardship of the vital ocean resources right off the San Francisco coast.

Marine Explorers Summer Camp Counselor Responsibilities

- Work alongside fellow counselors to oversee up to eighteen 8-12 year old campers in an outdoor setting.
- Deliver marine science lesson plans including programs focused on crabs, squid, seabirds, sharks, marine mammals, salmon, plankton, deep-sea corals and ocean acidification to students in alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Plan and oversee educational and recreational free time activities on-site at Crissy Field and during transit to and from field trips at Marin Headlands, Point Bonita,

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Half Moon Bay, and other possible sites.

- Leads campers through hands-on activities, presentations, experiments and field trips such as kayaking, tidepooling, short hikes and beach walks.
- Ensure participants are safe (properly hydrated, site safety briefings for campers, follow local COVID recommended regulations during camp period etc.) and perform headcounts of participants throughout the day.
- Maintain a well-organized system to keep attendance each day and track each camper's medical conditions as well as photo release restrictions.
- Interact and communicate with parents/guardians during camper drop-off and pick-up.
- Ensure a safe, inclusive, supportive, friendly, and inspiring environment throughout all programs and field trips. Properly handles live marine organisms and cares for all education materials.
- Carry and keep track of activity supplies on site and during field trips, conveying any needs to the Camp Coordinator.
- Assist in daily set-up and clean-up of the camp area.

Qualifications

- Ability to skillfully instruct others and to work with persons from diverse backgrounds. Experience in teaching marine science or a related field to K-12 students from diverse backgrounds is *preferred*.
- Experience teaching students in an outdoor setting *preferred*.
- Broad interest in oceans and marine science, including key ocean organisms, coastal ecosystems, and coastal stewardship *preferred*.
- Ability to work as a team member; must be outgoing, patient, energetic and enthusiastic; must have good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to adjust quickly to changing priorities and manage tasks in a sometimes stressful environment.
- Must possess a considerable ability to establish and maintain effective and courteous working relationships with co-workers, parents and students.
- Must have personal transportation, a valid driver's license and a clean driving record.
- Must be willing to pass a background check.
- Must possess or obtain valid First Aid and CPR certification.
- Must have proof of COVID vaccination and booster.
- Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs, sometimes over uneven ground, as this position sometimes requires transporting education materials.

Compensation

\$22/hr with limited benefits

Application Instructions

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and three references - all in a single PDF - to education@farallones.org (please include in subject: "*Application for MEC summer counselor position 2022*" in the subject line). Your cover letter should address your commitment to being an effective educator; and demonstrate a passion for outdoor education and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed starting June 3, 2022 but accepted until the position is filled.

Start date: July 7, 2022