

# WONDERLAB MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND TECHNOLOGY

## JOB DESCRIPTION

### POSITION TITLE: 2024 Summer WonderCamp Teacher

**POSITION PURPOSE:** The WonderCamp Teacher is responsible for planning and implementing one or more selected WonderCamp sessions; including classroom management of campers, engaging educational activities and camper safety in the classroom and other school areas. Camps serve students entering grades K-8.

WonderCamp's purpose is to introduce children to the process of scientific inquiry in a fun, relaxed setting. Children will explore, observe, test, measure, design and discover. Children may learn scientific concepts new to them, but the camp focus is on the childhood work of play and science skills of curiosity, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking. Camp sessions take place inside and outdoors on school (or other location) grounds.

All camps involve extensive hands-on activities. An experienced teacher leads each camp, with help from trained high school interns. Approximately 16-21 children are enrolled per camp. The WonderCamp Director and six college administrative interns provide on-site support during the camp week.

**REPORTS TO:** Wonder Camp Director. The WonderCamp Teacher works closely with a team that also includes the Education Specialist and Senior Education Manager, Camp Director Assistants, Camp Intern Coordinator and High School Camp Interns. Camp Teachers directly supervise 2 - 4 high-school Camp Interns assigned to each camp session.

**STATUS:** Part time temporary, 42.5 teaching hours per camp session. Each 5-day camp session is 8.5 hours per day (8 am – 4:30 pm with 30-minute lunch break), Monday-Friday. Teachers may teach one or more sessions.

**PAY RATE:** \$850 (\$900 for returning teachers) per week.  
This includes camp session hours as well as teacher prep time and camp-related meetings.

**CAMP DATES:** June 3 -7, June 10-14, June 17-21, June 24 -28,  
No camps July 1-5  
July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26

**CAMP LOCATIONS:** Planned Locations are: University Elementary School; Kent Farm Banding Station; Hilltop Gardens and Nature Center; Goat Conspiracy Farm;. IU School of Education. Other offsite locations may be included.

**BENEFITS:** WonderLab membership (dual or basic family level); 50% camp fee discount for child of teacher registered for camp session or sessions equal to the number taught by parent.

**Key Responsibility Area: Plan and implement select WonderCamp sessions. Preliminary camp topics include science and art, engineering, gardening, math, physics, nature and the environment, storybook science, goats, bird research, STEAM.**

#### *Specific Duties:*

- Work with WonderLab education staff to plan an age-appropriate, fun and exciting week-long camp curriculum using hands-on activities that encourage the development of scientific inquiry skills through curiosity, creativity and problem-solving. Teachers will have access to prior WonderCamp curricula and lesson plans, curriculum support from WonderLab Education Department and an extensive supply inventory.
- Submit lesson plans and/or materials lists in advance of camp, by specified deadlines, to the Camp and Education Department. WonderLab staff will purchase all necessary materials and set them up in the camp classroom.
- Provide camp session information by deadline as needed to WonderCamp Director.
- Meet with WonderCamp Director in advance of camp to go over camp philosophy, camp procedures, health and safety guidelines and session planning.
- Attend mandatory teacher registration meetings at WonderLab in person (March / April).

- During camp sessions, implement all aspects of the camp curriculum to provide an outstanding camper experience, both educationally and socially.
- Provide quality camp classroom management. As needed, seek the assistance of WonderCamp Director for discipline, support or safety concerns and Education Department staff for child development concerns.
- Maintain a safe and secure environment for all campers throughout the session, in the classroom, other areas of the school and outdoors.
- Supervise and involve high-school Interns with camp activities in a positive and productive manner that provides an outstanding experience for campers and interns. Assist with recess camper supervision, as necessary.
- Follow general camp schedules and procedures.

**Key Responsibility Area: Assist with evaluation of WonderCamp program.**

*Specific Duties:*

- Provide a brief written evaluation of each high school Camp Intern as assigned (form provided).
- Provide a brief written evaluation of your Camp Teacher experience (form provided).

## **RELATIONSHIPS**

**Internal:** Maintain close communications with WonderCamp Director, Education Specialist, Senior Education Manager, Camp Director's Assistant, High School Intern Coordinator, and other College Interns.

**External:** Maintain positive working relationships with other Camp teachers, Camp Interns, campers and families.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Three years classroom teaching experience, or equivalent; experience in informal educational settings preferred.
- Educational background, or equivalent experience, in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).
- Experience in leadership or collaboration.
- Experience working with youth and/or families.
- Friendly, professional and positive attitude; ability to work effectively with a variety of people.
- Physical ability to manage a classroom of 21 children in both indoor and outdoor environments, withstand summer heat outdoors, and potentially wear a mask for extended periods..
- Commitment to ideals of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, fostering an antiracist culture in WonderLab, and to antiracist principles and education
- Proof of eligibility to work in the US.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation to program locations.
- Three reference contacts.

Applicants should complete the WonderLab Job Application Form (available at museum front desk or at the museum web site [www.wonderlab.org/about-wonderlab/job-opportunities](http://www.wonderlab.org/about-wonderlab/job-opportunities)), and send their resume either via email ([colleen@wonderlab.org](mailto:colleen@wonderlab.org)) or via mail:

WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology  
Attn: Colleen Couper, WonderCamp Director  
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Applicants must be able to show proof of eligibility to work in the United States. Position is a rolling hire open through January 31 or until all positions are filled.

Employees are subject to a criminal background check (active teachers may submit their school corporation background check). WonderLab galleries, offices and grounds are smoke-free environments.

WonderLab strives to provide a welcoming educational space and is founded on values of inclusion and access. WonderLab is committed to creating a diverse museum environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer that considers diverse skill sets and experiences among applicants. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital or veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, number of dependents, or any other legally protected status. WonderLab strives to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, upon request.

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