# Eugene Science Center Summer Camp Instructor Position Description Summer 2025

Position Title: Summer Camp Instructor, Seasonal

**Location:** Eugene Science Center

Pay Rate: \$16.50/hour

**Hours:** 20 - 40 hours per week, Full-time & part-time positions available.

### **About Us**

Eugene Science Center is a hands-on science center dedicated to inspiring curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking through inquiry-based experiences for learners of all ages.

We believe in empowering visitors to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through engaging, hands-on activities and fostering a lifelong love for learning.

### **Position Overview**

Eugene Science Center is seeking reliable, upbeat, and positive individuals as summer day camp instructors working with children in rising 1st through 5th grades. Camp staff will be responsible for groups of 14 campers each week, creating a fun, safe, and inclusive camp experience for each child. Instructors will facilitate indoor and outdoor age-appropriate activities and lead STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programming.

Applicants must be available for the entire duration of training (June 9th through 13th) and camp (June 16th through Aug. 29th).

## Responsibilities

- Create and maintain a positive environment that encourages active learning and fun for all campers.
- Be responsible for the health and safety of campers.
- Instruct summer campers on age-appropriate lessons, activities, crafts, games, etc.
- Foster positive relationships between campers and with volunteers.
- Guide and supervise teenage volunteers, keeping them productive and on task.
- Collaborate with other Camp Staff and Eugene Science Center Educators.
- Maintain supplies and materials needed for programs and activities.
- Other duties as assigned.

### Qualifications

 Knowledge of, or willingness to learn, basic informal education techniques in order to creatively instruct STEM-based programs, activities, crafts, games, etc.

- Enthusiasm and energy.
- Classroom management and/or group facilitation techniques.
- Work well without direct supervision.
- Must have excellent time management skills.
- Must enjoy working with children.
- Ability to act in emergency situations based on protocols.

## Requirements

- <u>Physical Requirements</u>: Must be able to work outside in summer weather for part of each day, walk on museum and park property including hikes, and be able to lift up to 25 pounds.
- <u>Education</u>: Must be a high school graduate at minimum. Background in formal or informal education or previous work as a camp counselor or instructor desired.
- <u>Background check</u>: Applicants being considered for this position will undergo a criminal background check.

#### Once hired:

- <u>Abuse Prevention & Awareness</u>: Applicants will complete online training through Abuse Prevention online platform to gain awareness on prevention of sexual predators and child safety.
- <u>First Aid and CPR</u>: Instructors must be First Aid and CPR Certified. Training will be offered during the above listed Training Week prior to the start of camp.

### What We Offer

- A supportive and enthusiastic team environment.
- The opportunity to inspire the next generation of critical thinkers and problem-solvers.
- Hands-on experience in STEM education in a dynamic museum setting.

## **How to Apply**

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a brief cover letter detailing their experience and passion for STEAM education to Education Manager, Alex Lombardi, at alombardi@eugenesciencecenter.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Join us in creating experiences that spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and ignite critical thinking!