



Summer Camp Instructor

Job Title: Summer Camp Instructor, Seasonal - Summer 2026

Location: Eugene Science Center

Pay Rate: \$16.83/hour

Hours: 25 - 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 fostering a lifelong love for learning.

Position Overview

The Science Center is seeking reliable, upbeat, and positive individuals as summer day camp instructors working with children in rising 1st through 5th grades. Camp Instructors 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 training (June 8th through 12th) and camp (June 15th through Sep 4th).

Responsibilities

- Create and maintain a positive, inclusive environment that encourages curiosity, active learning, and fun for all campers.
- Ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all campers at all times.
- Lead and facilitate age-appropriate lessons, activities, crafts, and games for summer camp participants.
- Foster respectful, supportive relationships among campers and between campers and volunteers.
- Supervise and mentor volunteers, providing guidance and helping keep them engaged and on task.
- Collaborate with other Camp Staff and Eugene Science Center educators to support program delivery.
- Maintain and organize supplies and materials needed for camp programs and activities.
- Represent the Eugene Science Center in a positive and professional manner.
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Knowledge of, or willingness to learn, basic informal education techniques to support engaging STEAM-based programs, activities, crafts, and games.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm, energy, and a positive attitude when working with children and groups.
- Enjoy working with children and supporting a positive learning environment.
- Experience with, or familiarity with, classroom management or group facilitation techniques.
- Ability to work independently and remain productive without direct supervision.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to respond appropriately in emergency situations and follow established safety protocols.
- Ability to communicate clearly and professionally with campers, volunteers, and staff.

Requirements

- Physical Requirements
Must be able to work outdoors in summer weather for portions of the day, walk on museum and park property (including short hikes), and lift up to 25 pounds.
- Education
High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Background Check
Final candidates must successfully complete a criminal background check in accordance with organizational policies.
- Preferred Qualifications
 - Background in formal or informal education.
 - Previous experience as a camp counselor, instructor, or in a similar youth program setting.

After Hire:

- Abuse Prevention & Awareness: Applicants will complete online training through Abuse Prevention online platform to gain awareness on prevention of sexual predators and child safety.
- First Aid and CPR: 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

- **Make a meaningful impact** by inspiring curiosity and discovery in the next generation of critical thinkers and problem-solvers.
- **Gain valuable experience** in education, youth programs, and informal science learning in a hands-on STEM education setting in a dynamic museum environment.

- **Build leadership and teamwork skills** while working with a supportive and enthusiastic camp team.
- **Spend your summer in an engaging, hands-on learning environment** where science comes to life.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a brief cover letter detailing their experience and interest in STEAM education to employment@eugencesciencecenter.org with the subject line: **Instructor**.

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!