

Marine Explorers Summer Camp Counselor Greater Farallones Association (GFA)



Background:

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) protects the wildlife and habitats of one of the most diverse and bountiful marine environments in the world, an area of 3,295 square miles off the northern and central California coast. Located just a few miles from San Francisco, the waters within Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary support an abundance of life, including many threatened or endangered species. The Greater Farallones Association is the nonprofit partner that supports and assists the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary in education, outreach, and stewardship.

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. It is operated through a collaborative partnership between the Greater Farallones Association, the Randall Museum and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. This is a **full-time, temporary position through the Greater Farallones Association.**

Job Description:

The Marine Explorers **Summer Camp Counselor** delivers engaging and coastal ocean science programs in an outdoor setting for the Marine Explorers Summer Camp, supervises campers during all camp activities and transports camp participants from our main office on Crissy Field to sites all around the San Francisco Bay Area. This is a full-time, temporary position through the Greater Farallones Association and requires a commitment to 40 hours a week for all six weeks of summer camp. The Marine Explorers Summer Camp will take place 9 am-5 pm Monday through Friday between the dates of July 9th through August 17th, with a two-day training on July 5th and 6th.

Summer Camp Counselor Position Responsibilities:

- Assists fellow counselors with supervision of 8-12 year old camp participants in an outdoor setting, planning educational and recreational free time activities, and transporting students to and from field trip sites, including but not limited to the Marin Headlands, Moss Beach and Half Moon Bay.
- Leads campers through hands on activities, presentations, field trips and experiments.
- Delivers 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 Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Ensures participants are safe (properly hydrated, playing areas are free of hazards, proper site safety briefings for campers, etc.); perform headcounts of participants throughout the day.
- Maintains a well-organized system to keep attendance each day and track each camper's medical conditions and any other needs.
- Keeps track of supplies for camp and convey any camp needs to the Camp Coordinator.
- Interacts and communicates with parents/guardians during drop-off and pick-up times.

- Provides a safe, supportive and friendly environment throughout all programs and field trips. Properly handles live marine organisms and cares for all education materials.
- Carries and keeps track of activity supplies on site and during field trips.
- Participates in assigned daily set-up and clean-up of the camp area.
- Must possess a considerable ability to establish and maintain effective and courteous working relationships with co-workers, parents and students.

Education:

Bachelor's or Master's Degree in environmental education, biology, marine science, or related field.

Qualifications:

- Ability to skillfully instruct others and to work with persons from diverse backgrounds, including urban youth. Experience in teaching marine science or a related field to K-12 students from diverse backgrounds.
- Knowledge of, and broad interest in, oceans and marine science, including key ocean organisms, coastal ecosystems, and coastal stewardship.
- Experience teaching students in an outdoor setting is required.
- 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 have personal transportation, a valid driver's license, vehicle insurance and a clean driving record.
- Must be willing to pass a background check and Defensive Driving Course.
- Must be First Aid and CPR certified.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs as this position sometimes requires transporting education materials.

Other job functions:

Performs related duties and responsibilities as required.

Compensation:

Dependent on experience.

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references (3) to Rietta Hohman, Marine Science Educator: rhohman@farallones.org (please include the phrase: "Application for Summer Camp Counselor 2018" in the subject line).

Deadline to apply: February 21st

Start date: July 5th