



# EXPEDITION LANARK COUNSELOR APPLICATION

## **What is Expedition Lanark?**

Expedition Lanark is located at the Alabama Nature Center, part of historic Lanark in Millbrook, Alabama, just 10 miles north of Montgomery and only a couple of miles from I-65. The Alabama Nature Center is a Planned-Use Outdoor Education Facility offering hands-on, outdoor-based educational programs and activities.

The mission of Expedition Lanark is to provide hands-on, outdoor educational activities that teach natural resource stewardship, develop leadership skills, and build character. Day camp sessions begin May 28<sup>th</sup> and end August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Campers will be ages 5-15. There will be 2 days of paid training in the month of May.

## **Session Descriptions**

Weeklong sessions are all full day, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with aftercare offered daily, extending camp hours from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Each camp session offers a unique theme using both plants and animals to create a fun outdoor learning experience for children. Campers will explore field, forest, stream, and pond environments while participating in activities such as nature discovery hikes, canoeing, swimming, field games, arts and crafts, fishing, nature scavenger hunts and tree, plant, and animal identification.

## **Why Should I Be a Camp Counselor?**

Being a camp counselor for Expedition Lanark is the ideal job for recent college graduates or current students majoring in the fields of wildlife, forestry, biology, zoology, environmental science, early childhood education and other natural resource related fields. It provides summer employment along experiential education opportunities, as well as the opportunity for personal growth and development. Pre-camp and on-the-job training are provided for all staff. Salaries vary from \$10-\$12 per hour based upon prior experience, but average \$300 per week.

## **Counselor Duties**

They will assume responsibility for the care and well-being of the campers in their group. This includes supervision of activities including canoeing, swimming (lifeguards provided), nature hikes, and educational programs. Counselors will lead students in daily program classes and be actively involved in all program activities, leading and participating in recreational and instructional times.

## **Desired Skills**

American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor certification is highly recommended, but not required. Training for such certifications will be provided, at no cost to you, if necessary. Experience working with children or leading groups is encouraged. A background in biology, natural history, or geology is desired but not required. Also knowledge of activities such as fishing, canoeing, orienteering or swimming is suggested. Camp experience is preferred.

## **Application Process**

For questions, call the Alabama Wildlife Federation office at (334) 285-4550. Fill out and return the enclosed application to Matt Vines, Alabama Wildlife Federation, 3050 Lanark Road, Millbrook, Alabama 36054.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Age by May 20, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Can you work the following weeks (Y/N): May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>\_\_\_\_ June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_ June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>\_\_\_\_ June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_ July 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>\_\_\_\_ July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_ July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_ July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_ Training May 18-19, 22-23\_\_\_\_

Do you hold CPR, First Aid, or Lifeguard certification?  Yes  No

Do you have experience in any of the following categories?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Building      | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering    | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Identification                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Birding         | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Tasks/<br>Customer Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery            | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/ Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry        |  |

Do you have experience working with children?  Yes  No

Do you have experience working with individuals with special needs?  Yes  No

Are you 18 years of age or older?  Yes  No

Do you have a valid Driver's License?  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of harassment, a crime other than a minor traffic offense, a sex-related or child-abuse-related offense? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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Have you ever been discharged or asked to resign from a position?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain the circumstances:

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**CAMP EXPERIENCE**

Date	Camp & Director	Address & Phone	Camper/Staff/Lifeguard?

**Acknowledgement**

By signing this employment application,

- I hereby certify that the information given by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false, or otherwise misleading information or omissions may disqualify me from employment consideration and may lead to immediate discharge from employment if discovered at a later time.
- I authorize the release to the Alabama Nature Center of any document or information within the possession of a third party, such as an educational institution or licensure board, which may serve to verify any representation I have made in this employment application.
- I also acknowledge that the Alabama Nature Center requires a criminal background check for all personnel and this background research will be completed prior to employment.
- I understand that filling out this application for employment does not create an employment contract between myself and the Alabama Nature Center and no promises of such employment have been made to me.
- I understand that this is a part-time, hourly position that varies in the number of hours offered depending on program scheduling. No guarantee of number of hours is offered.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit to:**  
**Matt Vines**  
**mvines@alabamawildlife.org**  
**Alabama Wildlife Federation**  
**3050 Lanark Road**  
**Millbrook, AL 36054**

Please include 1) your resume, and 2) three professional references

Deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024