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## Brightpath Active Learning - Camp Counselor

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## **Background**

I worked for Brightpath Active Learning; a year-round school turned camp in the summer months. It was located in Westerville, Ohio. Their mission statement is "We will engage all students in hands-on and meaningful activities using nature, art and physical activity as a forum for learning. Our mission is to enrich a child's early learning experiences building a stronger foundation for success in their continued education.". I love that they are so passionate about involving nature in their education. I found this job through a career fair on Handshake.





## On the Job

My main responsibilities were to plan and facilitate nature and/or themed activities for my specified age group. I was responsible for the entering Kindergarten group. So, every week I was responsible for the safety, education, and fun of around thirteen five-year-olds. Specifically, I learned a lot about educating others, fostering an atmosphere of learning and exploration, and leading field trips.

## Reflection

This experience helped me tremendously in building versatile workplace and life skills. I had considered working with kids in my future career. This job was great for experiencing what that would be like. While I immensely enjoyed being with children, I believe my future career path will be in a different direction. My advice for a future student would be to embrace the situations wholeheartedly. It can be very difficult because there is a lot of stress and frequent changing of plans, but it is incredibly worthwhile. Additionally, you will learn a lot about yourself and new skills.

