

School of Environment and Natural Resources

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ORIGIN OF MY EXPERIENCE

I found this opportunity at a career fair in the Spring of 2022. I attended as a requirement for one of my classes and then it led to an amazing experience. I walked past The City of Dublin's booth seeing posters with kids and various things and thought to myself, I could never do that. Then I decided to reach out to the woman who would later become my supervisor. She provided more information on the opportunities I would have, and the rest is history.



Photo of myself and two of my co-workers dressed up for our last day of camp Halloween party.

HIRING PROCESS

- Attended Career Fair
- Got my supervisors business card
- Emailed her to get more information
- Got an interview
- Heard back about my job offer
- Went through the hiring process
- Attended four days of training before the first week of camp

CAMP GOALS

- Embrace the diversity, needs and inherent worth of each individual
- Maintain the safety and well-being of camp participants and staff
- Develop campers' independence, self-esteem and peer relationships
- Teach the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle
- Develop an appreciation of the arts
- Develop an appreciation of the outdoors



Photograph from our camp trip to the National Museum of the US Airforce in Dayton, Ohio.

Camp Wyandot

CAMP ACCREDITED



The City of Dublin's camps are all American Camp Association Accredited. This is an extremely respectable rating to have. This goes to show what an amazing atmosphere it was. The experience I had was truly amazing which goes hand in hand with how good of a camp my supervisors are running.

MY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Communicate effectively with the kids in a respectful way that stimulates thinking and encourages creativity.
2. Engage in leading group interactions by planning lessons and/or informative activities.
3. Work cohesively with my partner to lead our group by communicating and informing each other of complications and whatever else may arise in order to allow us to do well.
4. Problem solve with my partner and other employees so that we can positively engage with each other and overcome any challenges we may face.
5. Maintain a positive relationship and safe environment that facilitates trusting relationships between myself and my campers.

BEST EXPERIENCES

- There were many field trips we took such as to the Columbus Zoo and the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton.
- We also had several field days where we had many kinds of activities set up outside such as inflatables, water balloons, water guns, and much more.
- There was an all-camp tie dye day which was a lot of fun. All the kids brought in shirts and the counselors were allowed to tie dye too.
- Another one of my favorite parts was our pool days. We went twice a week every week.



Picture in an optical illusion room at a train museum we visited in Cincinnati.

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