



Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County No Child Left Inside Youth Environmental Education Program

Position (5): NCLI Youth Environmental Educator

Overview

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's No Child Left Inside (NCLI) Program is looking to hire 4-6 Youth Environmental Educators to work with the Dutchess No Child Left Inside program. The No Child Left Inside Program works to get youth outdoors and learning more about the environment. Our purpose is to create a positive and productive team of youth and adults who work together to train youth to be "environmental stewards." Those who apply to this program should be prepared to make a nine month commitment to the program, and will earn a stipend for their participation.

The Youth Environmental Educators learn about the environment and engage in hands-on, outdoor environmental activities across the Hudson Valley with experts from the Environmental Science field. They then lead younger groups of children, or groups of their peers, on environmental explorations around the Hudson Valley and provide environmental education to them. Youth Environmental Educators will also participate in other various forms of training including leadership, communication, and financial literacy skills. Through this program we hope to create positive changes in our schools, community, and environment.

Who can apply? How do I apply?

- Young adults ages 14-19 from Poughkeepsie, NY.
- Submit a Letter of Interest (see the last page of this position description) to Carolyn Klocker by email to cak97@cornell.edu or by mail to Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, 2715 Route 44 East, Suite One, Millbrook, NY, 12545.
- If selected, we will call you to interview with us, and ask you to fill out an application with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County for the NCLI program.
- You will need original working papers, so get those from the nurse soon!
- Individuals who bring a diverse perspective and are supportive of diversity are strongly encouraged to apply.

What will I do?

- Work part time, usually after-school and/or weekends, with a bigger commitment in the summer, through March, 2015. Youth leaders will sign a nine month agreement.
- Commit to working approximately 5 - 10 hours per week on environmental projects and activities throughout the 9 months, and get paid \$8.00/hour. After the initial paperwork is completed and processed, employees will be paid every two weeks.



- Learn by developing a team environmental service project for your school or community.
- Travel to natural areas in the Hudson River Valley with educators and scientists from Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC), and partners such as the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Vassar College, Cornell University, and others; work with these scientists to develop knowledge of the ecosystems in these areas;
- Learn and develop valuable personal leadership skills and technical environmental skills;
- Work with curriculum specialists from CCEDC and others to implement lessons to teach younger youth about the environment and encourage them to get outdoors;
- Be trained by staff and volunteers from Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, the Adirondack Mountain Club, and various other organizations, in outdoor activities and skills including canoeing, kayaking, hiking, camping, and others – and at the same time, learn about the environment and natural areas that we need to protect.
- This is a personal development program as well as a job, so come with an open mind!
- Work meetings are held at various locations in Poughkeepsie.
- We are constantly engaged in teambuilding activities, leadership and skills development. We hold workshops to address these issues and the environment.

Additional Questions? Contact:

Carolyn Klocker at 677-8223, ext. 135 or cak97@cornell.edu

Deadline to Submit Application and Letter of Interest: June 16th, 2014 at 5pm

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Youth Environmental Educator Application and Letter of Intent 2014-2015

Deadline: June 16th, 2014 at 5pm

In addition to filling out this application form, please attach a typed 250-500 word explanation of why you want to be a No Child Left Inside Youth Environmental Educator, what you hope to gain from the experience, and the skills that will make you a successful youth environmental educator.

Submit this application form and your letter to Carolyn Klocker by email at cak97@cornell.edu or by mailing it to: Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (Attn: C. Klocker), 2715 Route 44 East, Millbrook, NY, 12545.

Any questions? Call Carolyn at (845) 677-8223, ext. 135

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Gender (M/F):** _____

Birthdate (mo/day/yr): _____/_____/_____ **Current Grade:** _____ **Current Age:** _____

Home Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Are you a United States citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien? Yes No

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

This person is my: Legal Guardian Mother Father Case Worker

Do you have your working papers? No Yes Not yet, but getting them soon!

Have you ever applied to work with NCLI before? No Yes (When? _____)

Please check one of the following:

I *will not* need to attend summer school

I *might* need to attend summer school

I *will* be attending summer school

Teacher/Guidance Counselor/Case Worker who knows you well: _____

Teacher/Guidance Counselor/Case Worker Phone Number: _____

May we contact this person to discuss your application to NCLI? No Yes