

Join the Teaching Naturalist team at Upham Woods



UPHAM WOODS

Accepting applications for Teaching naturalist positions starting in January 2019.



Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is a residential facility operated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and located on the beautiful Wisconsin River, two miles north of Wisconsin Dells. The facility consists of 14 buildings that supply lodging, meals and environmental education resources year round for youth and youth leaders. The Center rests on 310 acres of forested land including Blackhawk Island, a 210-acre designated State Natural Area. This wooded property is home to sandstone outcroppings and a diverse forest community. The rock cliffs, shady canyons, caves and sandy beaches feature a variety of flora and fauna. All together weaving a unique story of biology, geology and cultural history.



Primary Duties

- Prepare for and teach the Upham Woods classes using effective educational methods, center class guidelines and overall format. Make adjustments to class content, length, focus, etc. as needed based upon audience, clientele needs, environmental concerns, etc.
- Participate in professional development sessions with a focus on educational pedagogy and effective experiential education methods
- Facilitate an overall positive clientele experience. This includes but is not limited to: dissemination of pertinent information to all necessary coworkers, coordination with group during their stay, and proper filing of pertinent paperwork at the conclusion of group stay
- Lifeguard barge crossings to Blackhawk Island, canoeing, and Voyageur Canoe History Lesson
- Provide leadership to onsite programs. Provide care and food for the science center animals
- Provide a program and/or facility development function as time allows
- Maintain equipment and projects associated with digital technologies.
- Manage digital resources
- Support scholarly and research based writing efforts
- Organize and report data and observations of past programming
- Provide assistance to the other departments for the safe and effective operation of the center
- Provide emergency support to groups while onsite, as needed
- Responsibility for a programmatic or facility specialization area. Specialization areas include but are not limited to: program animals, challenge course, technology, marketing and social media, and facility improvement



Additional opportunities as an Upham Woods Naturalist:

- Collaborate with professionals in experiential education
- Provided housing at Upham Woods on the banks of the Wisconsin River!
- Meals available when groups are on site and use Upham food service

To apply please send resume, cover letter, and 3 references to Max Myers, Program Director, at max.myers@ces.uwex.edu

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