

2026 Full-Time Summer Environmental Educator Assistant (Day Camp)

Location: Tamarack Nature Center – Ramsey County

Applications Accepted: March 2–13, 2026

Position Type: Temporary / Seasonal

Minimum Starting Wage: \$18.077551 per hour

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Join the Tamarack Nature Center Team

Tamarack Nature Center is seeking passionate, creative, and enthusiastic Full-Time Summer Environmental Educator Assistant to support our seasonal day camp program. Our team is dedicated to connecting children with nature through meaningful educational, recreational, and cultural experiences.

This position is ideal for individuals who enjoy working outdoors, supporting youth development, and collaborating with a diverse team of educators, assistants, and volunteers. Environmental Educators play a key role in creating engaging, safe, and inclusive learning environments that foster curiosity, confidence, and connection to the natural world.

Minimum qualifications

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- Ability to successfully pass a background check

Preferred qualifications

- Two or more summers of volunteer service as a Junior Assistant Naturalist at Tamarack Nature Center or equivalent experience working with children in structured environments (e.g., camps, after-school programs, scouting, sports, babysitting)
- Enthusiasm for connecting people with nature
- Strong communication, collaboration, and leadership skills
- First Aid & CPR certification (training is provided)
- Demonstrate interest and comfort with working in an outdoor setting, in all weather conditions

Candidates are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet all preferred qualifications, as transferable skills and a passion for environmental education are highly valued.



Position summary

Summer Environmental Educator Assistants serve as a support and co-teacher, working alongside experienced Environmental Educators to plan and implement camps for audiences from ages 3-13. You'll help create immersive outdoor experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence, and deepen children's connection to the natural world. Campers attend programs Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fridays are reserved for all-staff meetings, planning, and preparation for upcoming camps.

Duties and responsibilities

Program delivery and operations

- Foster a safe, inclusive, positive, organized and creative learning environment.
- Co-plan and co-teach engaging outdoor programming for a variety of age groups based on camp goals and objectives and under the guidance of the Environmental Educator.
- Support program delivery across areas such as ecology, wildlife studies, sensory exploration, and nature crafts.
- Assist with welcoming campers and guardians and getting campers settled.
- Communicate regularly with Administration and fellow camp staff.

Camper supervision and safety

- Supervise campers to ensure their safety and well-being at all times
- Follow and enforce all camp policies, rules, and procedures
- Provide first aid in accordance with camp protocols

Role model and mentor

- Serve as a positive role model and mentor for Youth Volunteers and campers.

Physical demands

This position requires spending the majority of the workday outdoors and actively engaging with campers. Environmental Educators must be able to:

- Walk, hike, or stand for extended periods
- Navigate uneven terrain, trails, and natural play areas
- Participate in outdoor activities such as canoeing, nature exploration, and group games
- Lift or carry up to 25–40 pounds as needed for program materials and camp setup
- Work in varying outdoor conditions, including heat, rain, and exposure to insects

Season and time commitment

- **Program Season:** June 15 – August 13, 2026
- **Average Hours:** Approximately 40-45 hours per week



Schedule

- Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Required dates

- **Training Week:** June 12, 15–18, 2026 | 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Staff Meetings & Camp Planning:** Fridays | 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Youth Volunteer Celebration:** August 6, 2026 | 4–7:30 p.m.
- **Day Camp Wrap-Up:** August 14, 2026 | 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
(Celebration, clean-up, and exit interviews)

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