

Summer Employment
Assistant Camp Director, Rocketry Instructor
Wallops Island, Virginia
Employment Dates: June 27 - August 6, 2021



Would you like to spend the summer inspiring and empowering the next generation of scientists, engineers, and space enthusiasts through a summer residential space adventure camp?

If you have a passion for space science, aerospace, engineering, education, with a strong background in rocketry and camp experiences, this position is the perfect summer job for you.

As Assistant Camp Director and Rocketry Instructor, you will have the opportunity to develop and enhance leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills surrounded by individuals and mentors who share your passion. The camp experience will build your resume and provide you with opportunities to meet experts and learn about STEM careers and internships. Additionally, camp staff are considered "essential workers" and qualify in Phase 1b of COVID-19 vaccination prioritization.

Responsibilities

- Assisting with supervising, leading, and supporting the educational activities and field experiences for camp students ages 11 - 16 in a team setting
- Providing lead instruction and training for camp counselors on rocketry topics and model rocketry
- Providing instruction to camp participants in additional subjects including robotics, coding, drones, and other STEM topics
- Providing camp students with a safe, secure, and quality experience by creating a positive, fun-filled environment while adhering to state, local, CDC, ACN, and the camp's administration's protocols and requirements as they relate to COVID-19
- Responsible for campers throughout a day and evening activities, as well as overnight supervision
- Work scheduled hours throughout day and evening with appropriate rest periods built into the schedule
- Ensuring the health and safety of the campers is a priority

Qualifications

- Must be 18 or older
- Experience working with children in camp programs, youth education, or working with youth in a related, structured environment (teaching, coaching, mentoring)
- Experience teaching rocketry, robotics, electronics, computer science, or other STEM subjects
- Ability to work as a member of a team and complete tasks with minimal supervision
- Be a positive role model by a display of positive attitude, interest, and motivation to work with the campers, other team members, and other camp partners
- Possess sufficient interpersonal skills
- Display maturity of judgment and behavior
- Current CPR/First Aid training (training provided upon hire, if needed)
- Ability to work long days
- Ability to work in an outdoor environment in hot summer temperatures

COVID-19 Protocols, Guidelines, and Requirements (subject to change)

- Staff may be required to quarantine/limit contact for 14 days and get tested before arrival
- Team will receive extended training, including sessions specific to COVID-19, six days minimum
- Team may receive rapid testing on arrival and additional ongoing testing
- Staff will utilize the cohort model (counselors stay with the same campers throughout camp)
- Staff will conduct daily health screenings of themselves and campers in their cohort
- Staff will be required to wear masks and social distance outside of their cohort
- Staff will be required to employ all 7 Non-pharmaceutical Interventions during camp operations
- Staff are strongly encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccine prior to the camp season. (Camp staff are eligible under phase 1b)

Requirements

- Must possess a strong knowledge of rocketry and model rocketry
- Must be able to pass a NASA security background check
- Must pass drug and alcohol screen

- Must work the entire five-week period of the camp season plus an additional week of counselor training before the camp start-up; six weeks total from June 27 - August 6, 2021
- Work full time; other work-related activities are discouraged as maximum flexibility is required
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Maintain appropriate interpersonal and personal boundaries
- Adheres to VSFA safety protocols and requirements
- Upholds a highly professional manner throughout the duration of the camp season

Compensation & Benefits: \$375 per week, full room and board (lodging and meals provided), and training

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume and 3 references to: ed@vaspaceflightacademy.org