

# Glen Helen Ecology Institute

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

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### 2008 ECOCAMP NATURALIST APPLICATION

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*Position Description:* Naturalists are in charge of designing and leading camps on a variety of ecological themes. Naturalists design hikes for campers, lead field trips to relevant sites, and facilitate games and learning activities on the trails of Glen Helen Nature Preserve and at camp. Naturalists have at least two years of college, and have experience working with children, preferably in an environmental education capacity. Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center policy is to first offer the Naturalist positions to our current School Camp Naturalists. Hiring for additional Naturalist positions will begin in late March. The pay rate is \$194 per week, plus room and board. Naturalists are expected to arrive on June 8 for a week of orientation and training, and EcoCamps run from June 16 until July 25.

A complete application consists of the following: (1) this application, (2) written answers to the questions below, (3) academic transcripts (copies are acceptable), (4) and three submitted on-line references. Applications will be processed on a "first-come, first served" basis, and an interview will be scheduled.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY# \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_ MALE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

How long will you be at the current address? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony crime? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
(If yes, please explain)

How did you hear about this position? \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

Undergraduate College or University, Major, #of years completed & degree obtained

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Graduate College or University, Major, #of years completed & degree obtained

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## Past Employment / Internship Experience

Please list starting with the most recent employment/internship.

|    | Employment / Internship | Dates | Reason for leaving |
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| 2. | _____                   | _____ | _____              |
| 3. | _____                   | _____ | _____              |

## References

An application will be complete when your three references have completed and submitted the on-line reference form.

Please have your reference s visit [www.antioch-college.edu/glenhelen/EcoCamps/reference.php](http://www.antioch-college.edu/glenhelen/EcoCamps/reference.php) to complete the on-line form. Please include at least one college or university reference and do not include friends or family.

Name of Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to the following questions thoughtfully and legibly on a separate piece of paper.**

1. Please describe any experience you've had working with children, highlighting experiences in environmental education, if applicable to you.
2. Briefly trace the development of your interest in education and in the out-of-doors.
3. What special skills, talents or hobbies do you enjoy?
4. As an EcoCamp Naturalist, what would you like a child in your group to get out of the EcoCamp experience?

While you are at the Outdoor Education Center, you are expected to uphold all rules and be a positive role model for children. Smoking and use of alcohol and recreational drugs are not permitted and use will be a cause for immediate dismissal.

If we feel you would be a good candidate for Naturalist, we will contact you to arrange an interview. If hired, you will be expected to arrive on June 8 for a week of orientation and training. 2008 EcoCamps will run from June 16 through July 26.

In signing this waiver, I expressly authorize the Glen Helen Ecology Institute to make inquiry of my former employers, instructors, or references as indicated on the position I have applied for. This information will be kept confidential.

By signing this waiver, I expressly authorize the Glen Helen Ecology Institute to make inquiry of my former employers, educational instructors or references regarding the Summer Naturalist position. This information will be kept totally confidential.

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Applicant's signature

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Date

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Outdoor Education Center Director

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Date

### What camps would you be interested in leading?

List interests in the camps on the scientific scale of:

" Yes! "

I'd love it!!!

" OK "

I wouldn't mind it.

" No "

No way, dude.

**DAY CAMPS** are for our youngest explorers, 5-8 year olds. They come daily Monday through Friday from 9:00-3:30.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Animal Tracks:** 5-6 year olds. Play Nature games and learn while having fun in the woods.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tiger Beetles:** 5-6 year olds. Discover ecosystems in the Glen while learning about plants and animals. If you like to sing songs, play games, and explore, this camp is for you!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Young Scientists:** 7-8 year olds. Make observations, do experiments and use your curiosity to explore nature and discover answers to some of nature's questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Turtle Camp:** 7-8 year olds. Laugh and sing your way through the forest while learning all about those furry, scaly, slimy, and crawly animals. You'll have a chance to handle some live animals too!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Woodsy Wonders:** 7-8 year olds. This is a camp for those who love to explore the outdoors, from the tallest trees to the tiniest critters. Meet new friends, hike, laugh, sing, and play in the forests and the meadows of the Glen.

**OVERNIGHT CAMPS** are for 8-15 year olds. They come on Monday at 9:00 and stay until the parent program at 2:00 pm on Friday.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Glen Safari:** Ages 8- 10. Spend a whole week discovering the wild things of the Glen. You'll learn how to call owls, track animals, explore a cave, and much more! You will also get to take care of the Outdoor Education Center's resident reptiles.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Trailblazers:** Ages 8-10. You'll travel many of Glen Helen's trails, hiking through forests, over streams, and meandering through meadows. Visits to John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge make this camp extra special!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Frontier Ohio:** Ages 9-11. Kids act out Living History parts for day campers at end of week, make whole meal for camp of pioneer type foods, play pioneer and Native American games, and sleep in the log cabin.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rocks, Fossils, Bones:** ages 9-11. For rock hounds - fossil hunting, making a volcano model - everything about the title. Day trip to Caesar's Creek for fossil-hunting and swimming.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Aqua Explorers:** Ages 9-11. Go to and in different streams, marshes, creeks, ponds and lakes. Lots of getting wet Go seining, field trip to the fish hatchery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nocturnal Camp:** Ages 11-13 and 13-14. Become a nocturnal critter, going out in the Glen at night and sleeping in the daytime to make up for it. Stay up all Wed. night.

\_\_\_\_\_ **EcoArt:** ages 10-13. Lead campers in various types of artistic-musical-graphic expression, Paper art, clay, make glass beads, nature crafts, dramatics.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Raptor Camp:** ages 11-13. Learn about hawks. Owls, and eagles! Search for raptors in the Glen and take trips to raptor habitats and nesting sites. You will even get to care for a bird of prey at the Raptor Center.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wilderness survival:** ages 12-14. Sharpen your senses and learn essential skills to survive in the wilderness! You will build fires, construct an emergency shelter, and find food in the forest. Connect with the wilderness and learn how to survive.