

BCWS Summer Teaching Staff

Come on out to explore the hills and hollers of northeastern West Virginia! Each summer we hire 20+ staff members to work as environmental science educators. Responsibilities include teaching workshops, leading hikes, supervising sleep outs, and introducing children to the beautiful wildlife sanctuary we call home! While an interest in science and the ability to teach nature-based workshops is necessary, we also appreciate the giftings of visual artists, musicians, and poets.

Qualifications

All staff must be certified in Standard First Aid and CPR for adults and children. With exceptions, those 18+ should have Wilderness First Aid. If for any reason a staff member has not got certification, s/he may not lead any group more than 5 minutes from the building. All staff must attend staff orientation, or be caught up on staff training, before working. Applicants should be age 16+, and have interest in education, field biology, and conservation.

Summer:

During the summer, we have three, two week sessions for campers age 11 - 15, one session for 8 - 10 year olds (one week long) and a weekend for adults of all ages. Some staff just work a session or two, while others commit to the entire summer! During the summer program, staff teach workshops, supervise camper projects, lead afternoon activities, and help to run evening program. Each session involves several sleep out experiences. Opportunities are available each session to be lead cook or assistant cook.

- Naturalists teach classes, lead hikes, facilitate traditional camp activities, and assist with some daily operations and facility upkeep
- Staff participate in program design, set up and breakdown. Workdays are ~7 a.m. to ~10 p.m., with breaks. Occasional duties later at night may include night walks or sleep-outs.
- Experience working with children ages 8-15 is ideal, and comfort working alongside adults is helpful. Must be physically able to lead hikes and a few sleep-outs.
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR are required. We will provide training on site *or* reimburse you for these courses.
- Lifeguard certification is a plus! We will pay for your lifeguard certification course.
- In order to lead canopy activities, you must be canopy certified. This is a site-specific training that takes place each year in June.

Dates: Mid-June to Late August

About us:

The [Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies](#) (BCWS) is the mountain campus of the [Burgundy Farm Country Day School](#), a progressive school where priorities include diversity, nature, and environmental sustainability.

Among summer camps, the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies stands out for its small size, having a nature/outdoor focus, supporting a friendly, non-competitive community, and for living on the land according to the standards we profess. We count among our strongest assets the beautiful wildlife sanctuary that we call home, the energetic, knowledgeable, imaginative, caring staff who set the tone, and the traditions that have withstood the test of time. Our camp inspires creativity, respect, and growth, bringing campers back year after year and our school programs, which spiral learning about a special place and its life and ecosystems, inspires school students and parents to become better stewards.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School actively maintains its commitment to equal opportunity for all employees. To fulfill this commitment, we recruit, hire, promote, and retain individuals in all job titles without regard to race, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, or disability.