

CAMP THUNDERBIRD
SOUTH DAKOTA



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Position Description: Lead Summer Camp Counselor

Our mission is to empower the Native American youth of South Dakota through outdoor and extracurricular educational experiences that emphasize leadership, teamwork, and goal-setting skills and provide a nurturing space for campers to gain self-confidence, make new friends, and explore the natural world.

Camp Thunderbird is seeking a staff member to take on the following duties:

- Design camp programming and schedule for at least one of the following camps:
 - Upper-Elementary-School (4-night, 5-day camp, 24 campers)
 - Middle School Theme Camps (3-nights, 4-days, 8 campers)
 - STEM
 - Music and the Arts
 - Outdoor Adventure
- Communicate with Camp Director or Board of Directors to ensure camp programming aligns with camp policies and philosophy.
- Work with Camp Director to devise a budget to ensure programming (including all support logistics such as lodging and transportation) fit in the camp budget.
- Communicate with Camp Director the logistics and supplies needed to implement program.
- Facilitate camp programming with the help of other Camp Counselors.
- Lead a group of 5 to 8 campers, with the help of a partner.
- Set and enforce clear guidelines and expectations for camper behavior that align with camp policies and philosophy.
- Help with camp set up and take down.
- Help train Camp Counselors to prepare for camp programming as needed.

Requirements for this position:

- Must be at least 18 years old to apply.
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle.
- Must be able to stay in regular contact (phone or email) with Camp Director or Board of Directors, beginning late winter or early spring, and scheduling of events needs to occur early.
- Must be able to attend at least one camp, including set up, training, and take down days before and after camp (Lodging during and between camps will be provided).
- Must be available for virtual training sessions in May or June (i.e. through phone or online conference call).
- First Aid Certification a plus!

This is a volunteer position, but includes a stipend to help cover the costs of transportation and communications. The Camp Counselors will report to the Camp Director, but take on a leadership role in facilitating camp programming. The camps will be held in July to early August 2017.

To apply, please send an email to campthunderbirdsd@gmail.com with your contact information (phone, Facebook, and/or email), 3 references, resume, and a statement (500 words or less) answering the following: in which position and camp(s) you are interested, why you are interested, what skills you bring to the position. If you do not have access to email, please call (315.529.4408) or contact us via Facebook at Camp Thunderbird South Dakota (<https://www.facebook.com/CampThunderbirdSouthDakota/>).