



Group Leader - School Programs

In 1887, John Ames Mitchell, editor of Life magazine, raised \$800 to send 266 children from New York City to the Life Fresh Air Farm in Branchville, Connecticut. Since that first summer, thousands of children and teens have participated in our nature-based summer camp and after-school programs in New York and New Jersey.

Program Description

This school year children will experience a mix of in-person and remote learning. Although schools have plans in place to start off the year, there is great anticipation that schedules and plans will fluctuate.

Trail Blazers' Fall 2020 School Program provides wrap-around support to families during the school day, which will come in a variety of formats. Group Leaders bring camp magic to each part of the day, whether they are supporting remote learning in a home setting, leading after school programming in a school, or leading camp-inspired games and activities outdoors or at the Trail Blazers Center.

Program Modules:

- Traditional After School: Offered on-site at a school location
- Blended Learning Bubbles: Cohorts of up to 6 campers with the same school schedules that come together 2-3 times per week during school hours on remote learning days.
- Remote Learning Bubbles: Similar to the Blended Learning Bubbles, except covered 5 days out of the week
- Virtual Programming: Lead online programming developed by Trail Blazers

Group leaders must be prepared to be with their group in multiple locations: classrooms, local parks and gardens, family homes, and the Trail Blazers child care center. Morning, afternoon, and full day schedules are available. A full 5 day commitment is required.

This program is in the very first stage of development. We are looking for true trailblazing Trail Blazers who are flexible, enthusiastic, and eager to develop a fun and engaging program that serves the very important purpose of supporting families during a chaotic time.

Required Skills, Experience, and Competencies

- Minimum 2 years experience working with elementary school children
- Minimum 2 years experience working in non-formal education (camp, afterschool, recreation, outdoor education)
- Camp experience preferred
- Able to work effectively and maintain professionalism with very minimal supervision
- Demonstrated ability to be flexible and responsive to changing needs

Compensation and Position Details

This is a front-line, per diem, non-exempt position, \$15-\$17/hour

The hours for this position are between 8:00 - 6:00, Monday - Friday. Morning, afternoon, and full day schedules are available. A full 5 day commitment is required.

Earliest Start Date: September 14, 2020

Program End Date: December 11, 2020