

Director of Environmental Education & Climbing

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Associate Executive Director of Youth Development and Education, this Director oversees the Environmental Education and Climbing Department and is responsible for all aspects of managing and developing the climbing, greenhouse and garden programs. The Director ensures quality programs while maintaining safety standards that meet the association guidelines, mission and goals.

Qualifications

- Must be a Cause-Driven Leader (focused on the mission and service to others)
- Must have strong listening skills, coaching, and an ability to put people and relationships first.
- Must have at least 6 months experience working with youth.
- Two years of experience with climbing and outdoor education preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in related field preferred or equivalent.
- Previous staff development and supervision experience.
- Must be able to work autonomously within the YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.
- Ability to respond to safety and emergency situations.
- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to develop and monitor revenue and expense budgets.
- Demonstrated skills in planning, time management, flexibility, organization and independent work proficiency.
- Ability to analyze problems and solve them using good judgment and resourcefulness.
- Excellent personal computer skills and experience with standard business software.
- Ability to attend trainings and meetings as required even if scheduled outside normal working or regular scheduled hours.
- Current CPR/AED certification or ability to become certified within the first 60 days.

Essential Functions

- Ensures that all programs and activities meet the highest safety standards.
- Directly implements and provides programs and facility activities to meet the needs of the community and contribute to member retention. This requires creativity and flexibility.
 - Programs may include:
 - Lessons provided to participants in other Y programs like after school club
 - Trout in the Classroom, Vermiculture, Beekeeping and other pollinators
 - Hydroponics
 - Special Events such as Family Farm Day and Goat Yoga
 - Periodic adult workshops such as seed saving and basket weaving
 - Greenhouse and Garden Management
 - Climbing Wall Inspection, Safety, and Route setting
 - Climbing Club k-5th Grade and Climbing Team 3-5th Grade
 - Private and Group Climbing Lessons
 - Climbing Groups
 - Open Climbing

- May provide assistance in other Youth Development Department programs as needed.
- Supervises, develops and trains climbing and garden program staff.
- Ensures that staff and volunteers have the tools, training, and resources needed to accomplish their objectives.
- Develops and maintains collaborative relationships with community agencies in service delivery.
- Develops, manages and monitors the department operating budget to meet or exceed budget targets.
- Coordinates the marketing and distribution of program information.
- Uses Listen First skills effectively with staff, volunteers and participants
- Conveys basic knowledge of all program areas to members and participants and refers members as appropriate to Y program staff or staff members.
- Creates and implements curriculum for the Y's greenhouse and for climbing programs.
- Works productively and demonstrates responsible actions by consistently performing duties in a safe and conscientious manner within the agreed upon timeframe; follows standards, policies and procedures; is reliable and consistently punctual; actively and appropriately participates in staff meetings.
- Actively participates in the Annual Campaign, Classic and any other campaigns, by helping to raise dollars towards the branch goal.
- Assists in providing team leadership to the department and the overall association. Completes regularly scheduled MOD (Manager on Duty) shifts and attends leadership meetings.

Work Conditions and Physical Demands

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- Ability to thrive in an environment with the unique challenges of a non-profit community service organization.
- Ability to work in excess of a 40-hour week with irregular work hours.
- Visual and auditory ability to respond to critical incidents and physical ability to act swiftly in emergency situations.
- Ability to stand or sit while maintaining alertness for several hours at a time.
- Ability to walk, stand and sit for periods of time.
- Position may require bending, leaning, kneeling, climbing, and manipulating hardware.
- Ability to speak concisely and effectively communicate needs.
- Must be able to lift and carry supplies weighing up to 50 pounds.
- While performing duties, the employee will be exposed to water, cool or very hot temperatures, bees, fish, ropes, plants, fertilizers, soil, and will be exposed to direct UV sun rays.
- Specific vision abilities are required for this job. The employee must be able to see close up and at a distance and have clear peripheral vision.
- The noise level is moderate to loud and requires acute hearing skills.

Full Time I-Exempt

Benefits: health, dental, life coverage, 8% retirement (8% Y, 3% staff contribution), PTO schedule