

Job Title: Teva Specialist (Naturalist)

Every program in the Wilderness Department is designed both to create stronger, well-bonded groups and to foster a respect, appreciation and stewardship of nature.

Salary & Dates: \$3865, more DOE. Dates for this position are May 31 – August 9



Job Responsibilities

- ❖ Teamwork
 - Proactive, kind and constant communication.
 - Working in a small group with the same people all summer.
 - Sharing the desirable and less desirable work, while having a good attitude.
- ❖ Initiative and Responsibility
 - Being on time and prepared.
 - Going above and beyond. When one task is done, seeking out the next.
- ❖ Working with youth
 - Kids ages 8-16, all genders.
 - Planning fun and age-appropriate garden/nature based activities and adapting on the fly.
 - Occasional bunk coverage instead of or in support of counselors.
- ❖ Department Area Skill
 - Create new nature based programming and lead programming across camp property.
 - Weave new and traditional Jewish ways of enjoying, respecting, and caring for the natural world into your activities.
 - Help grow the educational, organic garden and care for farm animals including goats and chickens.
- ❖ Safety
 - Always being aware of the potential hazards. Safety comes first at ALL times.

Qualifications

- ❖ Must have current certifications*:
 - Lifeguard Certification (LGT)
 - ServSafe Certification
 - A safe driving record, 21+ and a Wilderness First Responder preferred.
- ❖ Experience with children and natural history are essential.
- ❖ Experience with environmental education and Judaic knowledge are helpful.
- ❖ Be able to lift 50 lbs.
 - * If you do not possess these certifications, Tawonga may help cover the costs of obtaining them.

Day in the Life

8:00AM – Breakfast, be on time and ready to start the day

8:30PM – Breakfast Teva Meeting

9:00AM – Set-up department areas for morning activity blocks

9:30AM – Morning Activity Blocks (9:30AM – 10:45AM and 11:00AM – 12:15PM)

12:30PM – Lunch

1:30PM – Sometimes there is a break, sometimes there is an activity block

2:30PM – 3rd Activity Block

4:00PM – Free Swim or Floats (a time in the day when campers are able to pick an activity)

6:00PM – Dinner

7:30PM – Evening Blocks (7:30PM – 8:15PM and 8:30PM – 9:15PM)

9:30PM – Off (sometimes you will have Shmira - supporting camper bunks as needed while campers sleep - and/or other duties)

Tawonga requires staff to be up to date on vaccinations and staff may be required to participate in COVID-19 testing and health screening.