



Primitive Pursuits

Primitive Pursuits is an environmental education program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, a national not-for-profit based in Ithaca, New York. Our mission is to steward the health of our community by fostering life-long relationships with the natural world for children and adults.

During the summer, Primitive Pursuits offers day camps and an overnight Wilderness Camp for youth aged 9-16 at the Arnot Forest Field Campus, located at 611 County Rt. 13 in Cayuta, NY.

Job Title:	Summer Overnight Camp Nurse and Day Camp Health Director	Date:	June- August
Direct Supervisor:	Summer Camp Director	Salary Range:	\$18-20/hr

Position Description:

This part-time position provides medical related care for our overnight and day camp. As Health Director, this person will review day camp participant’s medical histories each week and consults instructors and directors about more serious health concerns. As the Camp Nurse at our overnight camp, they will oversee all medical related care for our overnight campers from registration, arrival to departure. The Nurse will intake and organize camper medical documents, call parents when necessary, receive campers and families when they arrive each week to discuss medications and/or medical concerns, will be available each camp day to attend to camper/staff medical needs and will maintain the camp infirmary. The Nurse/Health Director will spend the all of their hours at the overnight camps at the Arnot Forest.

In total, this role necessitates daily visits to the Arnot Forest Field Campus, plus on-call hours. Plus, time before camp begins to organize camper medical histories and communication with families. Sleeping accommodations are available for the Camp Nurse and family members, though living onsite is not required

Responsibilities:

- Holds safety of campers as the first priority. Emphasizes personal safety and emotional well-being with campers, parents and other camp personnel at all times.
- Holds title of Health Director for all Primitive Pursuits summer camps. Reviews camper lists for day camp and overnight camp each week and consults with Camp Director and camp staff as appropriate.
- Organizes overnight camper medical paperwork prior to summer camps and communicates pertinent histories to staff.
- Sets up and maintains the overnight camp infirmary in accordance with NYS Camp Guidelines.
- Accept all medications on arrival day from parents and turn over medications on pick up day
- Embraces the value of camp life through positive role-modeling, helping kids and staff having a great time, and conveying positive experiences to parents and families in communications.
- Physically check all campers upon arrival in camp and review all health records
- Maintains all medical records of campers and staff
- Dispenses medications at proper times.
- Provides First Aid for minor injuries.
- Acts as liaison with local doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies.
- Communicates with parents as needed in response to children’s’ health needs.
- Accompanies sick/injured campers or staff to the hospital.
- Presents as a caring adult who is available to support emotional and developmental needs of campers.
- Participates in camp activities and events as appropriate

Qualifications:

- 21 years of age or older
- RN or LPN degree
- ER and/or pediatric unit experience preferred, but not required
- Team oriented and dependable
- Good bedside manner, friendly and personable

- Strong assessment abilities
- Detail oriented and organized
- Prior experience with youth (does not have to be in a medical capacity)
- Flexible--ability to adapt to different environments and schedules
- Availability for all overnight dates and times
- Ability to pass all required background checks and meet transportation requirements for the position.