



## Primitive Pursuits

Primitive Pursuits is an environmental education program of Cornell Cooperative Extension a national not-for-profit established in 2000 and 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.

<b>Job Title:</b>	Summer Site Leader	<b>Date:</b>	June – August
<b>Direct Supervisor:</b>	Summer Camp Director	<b>Salary Range:</b>	\$11-16 per hour

### General Purpose:

This position will provide programmatic support for our all-outdoors wilderness youth programs. Includes mentorship of staff, responding to emergencies, and facilitating staff meetings and planning. Provides creative program support and problem solving for staff and campers. Oversees the bigger picture educational quality and safety of summer camp.

### Responsibilities:

- Keeps safety of campers as the first priority. Emphasizes personal safety and emotional well being with campers, parents and other camp personnel at all times.
- Mentor assistant and lead instructors as well as CITs by offering feedback, support and coaching
- Facilitates daily staff meetings
- Curriculum and planning support for staff
- Create written stories of each week for each group of campers you work with (for weekly blog)
- By personal example, helps model Primitive Pursuits values to campers, parents and staff. Must be a positive role model.
- Keeps daily records and paperwork organized when necessary, medical record keeping
- Daily direct communication with Camp Director
- Communication of specific campers health concerns (allergies, special diets) to staff
- First to call in an emergency in the field – handle communication with parents and leadership staff – create post incident reports and close calls
- First aid for minor injuries
- Communication with parents as needed
- Take on instructor role when necessary; provide half hour breaks to staff
- Ensure good working relationships between staff (and CITs)
- **Satellite Tribe Leader:** Maintain good relationships with landowners, facilitate logistics of running each satellite location

### Qualifications and Competencies:

- Valid Driver's License (required)
- CPR Pro and First Aid RTE certificates (required)
- At least 21 years old
- Minimum 1-2 years as lead instructor focused on facilitating nature connection and wilderness and survival skills to youth.
- Knowledge and experience with Coyote Mentoring and primitive skills preferred
- Flexible--ability to adapt to different environments and schedules
- Team player who is responsible and hard-working
- An understanding of diversity and inclusion values
- Ability to work well with minimal supervision and to ask for help when needed
- Well-developed sense of humor, play and curiosity
- Ability to manage conflict situations appropriately
- Excellent, social, communication and writing skills

