

Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre Outdoor Leader Position 2019

Title: Outdoor Leader

Advertiser: Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre

Location: Licola, Northern Gippsland, Victoria

Contract Dates: 22 Jan 2019 – 30 Jan 2020

What is Wollangarra?

Wollangarra is an independent, non for profit organisation situated beside the Macalister River south of Licola, Victoria. A simple, yet powerful outdoor education experience provides the platform for Wollangarra to provide a realistic look at sustainability, self-sufficiency and environmental issues in a positive, friendly community. We believe that our way of life and the empowerment given to the young people on our programs results in a truly new outlook on life, with many of them returning for further programs.

Read more: <http://wollangarra.org.au/about/>



The Role

As an Outdoor Leader on the staff team at Wollangarra, you're an essential part of a small community based at a truly unique outdoor and environmental education centre.

Each week a new group of young people will come across our flying fox and get to experience a way of life that has largely been forgotten. They leave behind their mobile phones, watches and timetables. They bake bread, split wood, tend the veggie garden, collect the eggs and feed the

sheep. Young people are given opportunity to make decisions, and are encouraged to positively contribute and feel like a valued member of the community.

They hike, camp out, cook over open fires (where allowed), and partake in endless discussion about life, environment and the impacts society has on these things.

The position requires that you reside on the Wollangarra property and work a six day week. You will live and work with four other staff members, two Directors and their four year old son. Wollangarra becomes your workplace, home and family for the year. This brings lots of laughter, fun, adventure and, inevitably, a tear or two. The role is highly physical. Your time at Wollangarra will offer a challenging, but immensely rewarding experience.



Duties

- Lead Wollangarra's programs for young people aged 13-17
- Carrying out property tasks including gardening, wood chopping, animal care, maintenance, catering and cleaning
- Foster an awareness of self, community and sustainability in young people
- Encourage participation in conservation through outdoor education
- Ensure high standards of safety for young people and visitors

Mandatory Requirements

- Current full manual driver's license
- Current Victorian Working with Children Check.

Desirable Qualifications

- Qualifications in outdoor education, outdoor recreation, the environmental sciences or education.
- Wilderness First Aid certificate
- Training in four wheel drive or chainsaw use.

Selection Criteria

- Personal outdoor experience – hiking, camping, cooking, knowledge of outdoor gear.
- Demonstrated experience in leading, teaching, and/or working with young people.
- Ability to complete tasks on time with minimal supervision.
- A understanding of Wollangarra’s philosophy – recommended reading – “Secondhand and Solid” by Ian Stapleton.
- Desire to live and work in a small, remote location, without electricity, internet or mobile service.
Ability to think on your feet and get things done with the tools and materials on hand.
- Practical skills in maintaining fences, vehicles, general fixing of things. (Wheelbarrows, axe handles, etc.)
Experience or desire to learn about the care of livestock – ducks, chickens, sheep.
Experience in driving heavy vehicles on tight, narrow mountain roads (Toyota Troop Carriers and Hi-ace vans full of kids).

For More Information

- Head to our website for the Position Description: <http://wollangarra.org.au/about/staff/>
- This wonderful four minute video highlights some of what a year at Woll is like for our staff: <https://vimeo.com/122289637>
- Call Clare and Jay Reilly, Directors of Wollangarra, to discuss the role further on 03 5148 0492

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