

The Lorado Taft Field Campus is Northern Illinois University's outdoor education and conference center and is located in Oregon, Illinois. Taft Campus' outdoor education program is generally multidisciplinary, place-based, and experiential, and planned in close partnership with the visiting schools with the goal of providing excellent programming and customer service to the visiting students and staff. Under the direct supervision of the Outdoor Education Extension Faculty Supervisor, the Outdoor Education Intern is responsible for the instruction of resident outdoor education experiences for elementary and middle school students.



WORK ACTIVITIES

1. Create and deliver lessons to elementary through high school students.
2. Research relevant information regarding Taft programs in order to have the necessary background knowledge to teach classes on topics such as ecology, cultural history, outdoor skills, and team building.
3. Participate in training activities and weekly staff meetings (Monday mornings and Friday afternoons).
4. Research and create a relevant, educational display for a classroom bulletin board.
5. Other duties as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

High school diploma or equivalent. Prior experience working with youth in a role such as a camp counselor, mentor, teacher, or coach. Must possess the desire to work primarily outdoors, in all kinds of weather conditions. Strong verbal communication skills and the ability to represent Taft Campus and NIU in a knowledgeable and professional manner are essential. A high degree of initiative, mature judgment, and a strong work ethic required. A pre-employment criminal background investigation is required.

WORK HOURS

15-20 hours/week. Weekly schedule varies based on the needs of the schools on site. Willing to work around class schedules. May include evenings.

COMPENSATION

\$9.25/hour. A private, furnished room is provided. Meals when the dining hall is in operation.

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT

January 2 – May 31, 2020

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For more information or to learn how to apply, contact Melanie Costello, Lorado Taft Campus Director at melcostello@niu.edu or 815-732-2111, ext. 112. For more information about NIU's Lorado Taft Field Campus, go to www.niu.edu/taft.