

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Work for YMCA Storer Camps

YMCA Storer Camps Outdoor School (OEE) & Specialty Programming and Group Retreats (SPGR) Program Basics:

- YMCA Storer Camps serves school groups that bring 4th - 7th graders for an out-of-doors experiential education adventure. Schools attend the outdoor school for a 3, 4, or 5 day program.
- Specialty Programming and Group Retreats (SPGR) involve YMCA parent/child programs, church retreats, Girl Scout and Boy Scout weekends and more.
- The Outdoor School offers four different curriculum areas. School teachers choose these classes to build on their classroom studies and to follow their school's curriculum benchmarks. These four areas are: natural sciences, environmental studies/awareness, cultural history and adventure education.
- Volunteers, parents, high school and college students' act as our cabin leaders at our Outdoor School and stay with the kids in the cabins during the evenings and travel to classes everyday with our children. If you enjoy working with teenagers, there is an opportunity to help train our high school cabin leaders in rules, expectations and proper procedures for them to be successful cabin leaders in our program.
- A strong 40 year tradition in Outdoor Environmental Education blends fresh ideas and talents of college-educated individuals with varied background experiences and the love of working with youth to make Storer's programming exceptional.
- Storer Camps has a property of over 1200 acres with a 220 acre lake, forests, fields, wetlands, and ponds to explore and learn from. Educators often take advantage of the chance to utilize our watercrafts, horses, natural environment and equipment during time-off.
- The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI and Michigan State University in Lansing, MI are a short drive from YMCA Storer Camps. While YMCA Storer Camp offers wonderful natural spaces, both neighboring cities provide activities and social life that bigger towns can offer.

Salary and Benefits:

As a Program Educator you will earn a base pay range of \$280-\$310 per week (based on education and experience). After 6 months you are eligible for paid time off/holidays and health benefits. The position provides on-site housing, meals when groups are in camp, a curriculum manual, and fitness membership to the local YMCA.

Seasons:

The Storer Outdoor School and Specialty Programming and Group Retreats programs run during the calendar school year from August to June.

Housing:

All residential camp employees for The Storer Outdoor School and Specialty Programming and Group Retreats seasons live in on-camp housing. Most housing units are shared while some single rooms and kitchen facilities are available. Each unit has carpet, heat, bathroom facilities, and some furniture (bed, dresser, desk, and chair for each staff member). All utilities are paid by camp. Free laundry facilities are also located on-site at no charge. No pets are allowed, except those kept in aquariums. You'll be joining a staff of 15+ Program Educators along with 5 Program Coordinators from all over the country and from around the world.

YMCA STORER CAMPS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of YMCA Storer Camps is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

In striving to accomplish our mission, we are guided by these values:

- “Christian principles” applied objectively are not unique to any specific faith or religion. They include respect for others, fairness, integrity, honesty, patience, and the dignity of all people.
- We seek always to help those served by Storer Camps to recognize and develop their capacities for leadership and use them responsibly in their own groups and community life.
- We teach and practice good stewardship of campers, staff, volunteers, facilities, as well as natural and fiscal resources.
- We recognize the worth of all persons, and that each has a valuable contribution to make.
- We seek to develop a sense of world mindedness and work for world-wide understanding.
- Storer Camps is a committed part of the YMCA of Greater Toledo and actively seeks the involvement and contribution of the Metropolitan YMCA branches, boards, and staff.

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The YMCA Storer Camps Outdoor School strives to encourage students to learn experientially about nature and their role as stewards to the environment. Students also learn more about themselves while living and working in a community environment and learning through our four core values: Honesty, Caring, Responsibility and Respect. The teaching staff at YMCA Storer Camps believes that outdoor environmental education involves more than just understanding environmental sciences and issues. When there is opportunity for individuals to learn effective communication skills, it then fosters a growth in areas of cooperation and the building and sustaining of strong communities.

Typical Daily Staff Schedule

7:45 am	Meet at the flag poles for the flag raising ceremony. Perform duty as assigned.
8:00 -9:00 am	Breakfast / Perform duty as assigned.
9:30-10:30 am	Teach Class
10:45 - 11:45 am	Teach Class
12:00 pm	Meet at the dining hall for lunch, perform duty as possible.
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Teach Class
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Teach Class
4:00 – 5:15 pm	Afternoon Activities (recreational activity time for students led by staff members while cabin leaders and teachers are in a meeting discussing evening program and scheduling for the next day)
5:15 pm	Bell rings for dinner, perform duty as assigned
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner (optional if you're not working the evening program)
7:15 – 9:15 pm	Evening Program and Clean-up (Educator's are required to work 2 evenings per week).

“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.”

— John Muir