



Support Staff for Nature-based Developmental Program

TimberNook Elgin is currently hiring for year round, part-time permanent positions.

ABOUT: TimberNook is an Occupational Therapist developed and led program which views outdoor play as a form of preventative health care for children. We strive to return unstructured outdoor play to childhood to promote strong, confident and capable children.

OUR APPROACH: TimberNook outdoor programs are carefully crafted by Occupational Therapists to provide the ultimate sensory experience—challenging the mind, body, and the senses through meaningful play opportunities. We aim to provide grand scale outdoor play experiences to children of all abilities.

THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS: TimberNook develops authentic outdoor play experiences based on their therapeutic value and ability to inspire child-directed learning; encouraging children to think and play in new and creative ways. We aim to promote development in the areas of cognition, sensory integration, social-emotional skills and motor skills. Following each program, we provide an email to parents highlighting development observed across these domains.

BACKED BY RESEARCH: We support our programs with evidence-based data that show significant improvements in children's emotional regulation, balance, strength, social interactions, play skills, and creativity.

Start Date & Timeline:
Flexible.

Benefits:

- \$20/hour
- Potential to lead to additional employment hours
- Genuinely helping children and being part of a powerful mission (TimberNook has received international praise for its concept and programs. Currently, there are 20 different TimberNook locations across the globe).

Job Description:

- Interacting with children, participating in group games, playing when invited by children, and modeling behaviors aligned with the TimberNook philosophy. This means we might ask you to tread through mud puddles, wade through a creek, or even climb up boulders to help a child in need. TimberNook counselors should also be observant, responsible, and respectful.
- Help with setup and cleanup of TimberNook site.
- Leading welcome circle through songs and games, exuding enthusiasm and positivity then and throughout the day.
- Observing and documenting development in the areas of cognition, social-emotional skills, sensory integration and motor skills.
- Communication with parents.
- Support children in transitions, help keep track of belongings.

Candidate Requirements:

- 2+ years of experience working with children of all abilities.
- Education in the areas of education, health, disability or therapy.
- A strong understanding of child development and disability, as well as the ability to identify and document development through observation of play.
- Eager to learn why outdoor play is so critical to child development for ALL children, not just children with special needs.
- Hard working, independent and self-motivated.
- Comfortable in the outdoors in all weather conditions including rain and snow.
- Knowledge of survival skills an asset.
- Ability to work as a team, interact kindly with children and co-workers.

Each selected candidate will go through an interview process with the owner/operator of TimberNook Elgin, Jade. (S)he will be expected to read 'Balanced and Barefoot' (book by pediatric occupational therapist, Angela Hanscom, our founder) and will complete a half day training, as well as program shadowing.

TO APPLY:

Please email me why you are interested and your resume to jade.rogers@timbernook.com

Learn more and review website before responding at www.timbernook.com and explore our programming and site details at www.timbernook.com/provider/timbernook-elgin/

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