



**CHEWONKI'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Position starting mid - August, 2009

Chewonki's Outdoor Classroom program is a unique model in which our teachers live with their students in small camping groups at shore-side campsites on Chewonki Neck. Our field teachers and students sleep in tents, cook over open fires, and learn camping skills. Respect and responsibility for oneself, others and our natural environment are stressed within these small group communities. Our teachers lead their groups through two lessons daily focusing on both natural history (in-depth field studies of various ecosystems or concepts) as well as challenge activities, such as group initiatives, low ropes course, rock climbing, map and compass, canoeing and more. The Assistant Program Director helps to oversee these programs and is not responsible for the day-to-day teaching in the field. They may however be called upon from time to time to lead a residential program. Applicants new to Chewonki should expect to spend time in the field on several residential programs to gain experience with the program.

Chewonki's Assistant Program Director for the Outdoor Classroom is responsible for assisting the Program Director with developing Outdoor Classroom programs, enrolling them and ensuring that they operate smoothly. Tasks include managing The Outdoor Classroom database, visiting schools throughout New England with a PowerPoint presentation for students and parents, writing weekly program letters, assisting the Program Director in staff training, observation and supervision, assisting in the health and first aid needs of students, and in lesson updates and curriculum improvements. To help maintain the professional quality of our administrative staff we welcome applicants willing to commit to a two-year minimum stay. We are planning to review applications in May and set up the first interviews for the first week in June.

Chewonki's Outdoor Classroom runs very few programs during the summer. Therefore, the OC Assistant Program Director works for Chewonki's summer camps for the 8-10 weeks of the summer season. This may involve taking a leadership role in the boys or girls camp or leading one of our extended wilderness trips if the applicant has extensive trip leading experience.

QUALIFICATIONS: BS or BA. Degrees in education, natural sciences, outdoor recreation, or related field preferred. Experience teaching environmental education and leading low ropes courses required. Must have strong written and oral communication skills as well as computer skills on Mac. Must have a clean driving record and willingness to travel regionally. Wilderness First Responder certification required.

SALARY / BENEFITS: Starting Salary is \$22,500. Benefits include health insurance available for 3% of salary, life insurance, two weeks paid vacation, holidays and one week comp time at the end of the spring and fall seasons.

TO APPLY: Submit your resume, cover letter and three letters of reference to Dot Lamson at dotlamson@chewonki.org or mail to 485 Chewonki Neck Road, Wiscasset, Maine 04578. Please include a list of your strengths and three reasons you are interested in this position. Deadline for applications is July 31, 2009.

Mission: The Chewonki Foundation is dedicated to helping people grow individually and in community with others by providing educational experiences that foster an understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the natural world and that emphasize the power of focused, collective effort.