

Lake Oconee Collegiate Youth Alliance Internship

The LOCC Youth Alliance provides enrichment activities focused on education, culture and history for students beginning at age six and their families, in traditionally underserved communities of Greene and Putnam County, GA. LOCC Youth Alliance College Interns act as site directors at the multiple Youth Alliance activity sites in the two counties. This dynamic position will give the intern experience working with students, families, and community members at virtually all socio-economic levels. As a site director, the intern will serve students and families, planting the seeds that hope to break the cycle of generational (rural) poverty.

The Youth Alliance service area has a unique blend of affluent gated communities and a significant percentage of students and families whose household income are considered below the national poverty line. The intern will need to have, and continue to develop, skills as bridge builders. The student will have the opportunity to serve, grow, and learn from community members at divergent extremes—economically, socially, politically, and overall worldview. Engaging different belief systems and populations with an open mind and mutual respect will be essential.

Additionally, our interns will be participants in a skills and character-building program called the I LEAD Lawton Legacy Project. They will have the opportunity to work with a mentor (Greg Lawton) who gives direction, helps clarify their education and leadership abilities, seeks to foster personal growth, and offers support beyond the confines of the summer experience.

LOCC Youth Alliance Vision

A community of high-school graduates with purpose and direction

Youth Alliance Information

The year-round program's foundational component is the one-month summer camp serving students ages 6-12. Though sponsored by Lake Oconee Community Church, the Alliance is a community organization, partnering with the Greene and

Putnam County School Systems and diverse community organizations. Thus, the summer program is not an explicitly religious program. The students attend the summer experience for four weeks at one of three public school site locations: Greensboro Elementary, Union Point STEAM Academy, or Putnam Elementary School. We invite community leaders/experts to explore topics such as Entrepreneurship, Building trades, International studies, Music and Fine Arts, Leadership, History, Health & Nutrition, Athletic Achievement, Financial awareness, Academic Enrichment, and Cultural Awareness. Additionally, students attend rich field trips that have included College tours, Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violence, local farms and doctors' offices, and interactive museums.

Job Description

- Direct a camp site with children grades K-6.
- Plan activities for camp of approximately 30 students
- Supervise and lead counselors (high school or college students) who serve as staff
- Team with local site Responsible Adult in discipline and communication
- Work with volunteers to coordinate the learning sessions of the camp
- Work with parents of the children
- Pre- and post-planning/Training sessions with director
- Daily planning before and after camp
- Supervise field trips
- Buy materials for camp(funds provided) and participate in planning with the director
- Plan and lead a one week camp for Middle school students

Relationships

This internship is sponsored by Lake Oconee Community Church, a multi-denominational congregation in the lake area. The student will be working with the pastors of this congregation and with the laypersons from the church. Rev. Kamau Welcher will be the Camp Director, lead trainer, and direct supervisor

within the Youth Alliance summer experience. Rev. Becky Matheny will direct all housing items, extra-camp activities, and coordinate individual payment schedule preferences. The students will have the continual support of Lake Oconee Community Church and will engage its members and activities.

Qualifications

- Previous camp or youth educational experience
- Ability to plan, originate, organize and carry out daily and special programs
- The ability to efficiently perform tasks in an environment of frequent interruptions
- Team Player
- At least a Junior or Senior in college
- Able to work with people from all economic levels
- Musical or fine arts ability and/or educational training are a plus but not required
- Athletic ability a plus
- Love of children
- Will need a car

Physical demands

- Light lifting
- 5-8 hour days of moderate activity
- High heat in Central Georgia
- Early mornings
- Ability to function in loud/stimulating environments

Working Conditions

Work is performed in school/summer camp settings in schools or community centers. Environment is often loud, chaotic and demanding. Students will be living in an apartment in Greene County with the other interns.

Dates: May 18 – June 14, 2014, includes preparation for camp, camp, field trips, follow-up, and middle school camp.

Application Process

- Send copies of resume to Becky Matheny at bmatheny@bellsouth.net and Kamau Welcher at kamauwelcher@gmail.com
- Send letter addressing your qualifications for this job and why you are interested.
- 2 letters of recommendation – personal or professional

Compensation

\$1500, plus housing in an apartment in Greene County with the other interns.

\$400 travel expense