AGAPÉ⊕KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

JOB DESCRIPTION:

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR AGAPÉ CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (ACE Ed.)

MISSION STATEMENT:

ACE Education seeks to build awareness and appreciation in North Carolina (NC) school students and guests through hands-on experiences aimed to encourage responsible decision-making and care of the natural world.

GOAL:

To enable teachers and students to meet the goals of the NC Essential Standards for Science and Social Studies.

IN OUR CORE VALUES WE PROMISE TO:

- 1. Passionately teach about the natural world
- 2. Intentionally offer programs to meet goals
- 3. Enthusiastically interact with children and adults
- 4. Hold safety of all guests as primary
- 5. Deliver educational excellence

PURPOSE OF POSITION: To serve as the administrator of the ACE Ed. program. To play a key role in developing and leading on-site programs of environmental education for summer campers, retreat guests, schools and members of the community. To share our mission of teaching creation stewardship and making that mission a vital part of our hospitality ministry. To be an active part of a team ministry that seeks to provide excellence and guest satisfaction as we work to meet the programmatic needs of those we serve using the Agapé ¹ Kure Beach Ministries mission statement as our guide.

POSITION DATES: Begin September 2024. Reviewed Annually.

POSITION HOURS: Salaried position based on a minimum of 40 hours per week annually. This position will

require occasional work on holidays, weekends, and nights.

POSITION SALARY: \$35,000-\$45,000

BENEFITS: Health insurance, retirement contributions, vacation, continuing education, and flexible

work schedule.

POSITION LOCATION: Camp Agapé – 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

RESPONSIBLE TO: Executive Director

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

PROGRAM:

- To develop and be coordinator of a hands-on environmental education program targeted at area school, church, and community organizations
- To develop and lead two hours of environmental activities with each summer on-site residential camp group
- To develop and teach staff to lead environmental education activities for summer Day Camp programs
- To establish and maintain a hands-on display area in the pond side Nature Center
- To monitor and make proposals for Christ-centered stewardship of the land and resources on the site. Including: recycling, composting, land management, etc.
- To serve as project manager in the coordination of the annual fundraising events
- To work with assistant on all overnight and extended stay ACE Education events
- To coordinate with assistant on outreach of the ACE at Your Place program
- To coordinate with assistant on Saturday Safari programs

ADMINISTRATION:

- To keep and provide accurate record keeping pertaining to guest numbers and types of groups participating in ACE education for year-end reports to the Agapé + Kure Beach Ministries office
- To hire, train, manage and review the work of part-time ACE educators
- To submit quarterly activity reports as requested by the Executive Director
- To make budget requests and income projections for the budget process each fall
- To monitor budget as a project manager to stay within budget parameters
- To take advantage of local, regional, and national levels of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) Network in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
- To be an active participant in statewide environmental organizations keeping the ministry in touch with partner organizations across the state
- To work with other A+KB Ministries staff to move the organization toward American Camping Association (ACA)
 accreditation

MARKETING:

- In conjunction with the Marketing Director create marketing materials related to the ACE Education program and make recommendations for their distribution.
- Contribute to "Current Waves" newsletter
- To be available as a staff team member to assist with special events at camp: Open House, River of Hope, O Holy Night, etc.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION:

To coordinate volunteer activity related to the Adopt an Agapé Trail program

DESIRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Previous experience working or directing a similar environmental education program
- Previous experience in personnel management and leadership
- A bachelor's degree or higher in a related field
- Previous experience working at an outdoor ministry

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be able to work primarily onsite with little opportunity for remote work
- Must reside close enough to Camp Agapé so that travel does not interfere with the job requirements
- Valid NC driver's license
- Must be able to be on one's feet and be able to walk on uneven terrain for long periods of time

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to:

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Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2024 or until the position is filled.