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Preserving the Hudson River
Next Generation of Environmental Leaders

Camp Clearwater is an adventure-based leadership program located in the Historic Hudson River Valley. Our program focuses on character development, environmental stewardship and community building. Students explore their inner abilities through many physical and emotional challenges. They develop positive team dynamics and a respect for the natural environment. Students are recruited from the Hudson River Valley area and New York City. The program focuses on ages 13-15, co-ed with a maximum group size of 12. Camp Clearwater is not a typical residential camp experience. Our programs are continuous multi-element adventures. Each day we arrive at a new destination. Our program promotes positive community building, where each young person has an equal voice and the opportunity to grow.

## **Program Elements**

Sloop Clearwater - Students will experience the river from the decks of our historic sloop, participating in our award-winning onboard education program. Highlights include raising the mainsail, deploying the fishing net, and steering the vessel.

Backpacking, Rock Climbing - Students will learn "leave no trace" practices and land navigation, and will climb a true rock face. This will develop principles of environmental stewardship and build self-confidence.

Native American Fur Trader Canoe Experience - History and the culture of the Native Americans from the Hudson River Valley will be taught. Participants will explore the Hudson River while on a 34-foot Native American Fur Trader Canoe.

Kayaking - The group will complete a full day of training, and then embark on a multi-day expedition in tandem sea kayaks. Along the way they will explore the life and history of the Hudson River and participate in water ecology activities.

## **Staff Qualifications:**

Instructors must have a proven ability to lead young people from all ethnic and social backgrounds in an outdoor group setting. Must maintain professionalism and exercise patience / level headedness in high stress situations.

#### **Instructor Responsibilities:**

Plan and lead program.

Maintain / assess safety of the students in the field.

Teach program specific curriculum.

Mentor assistant instructors & interns.

## **Requirements:**

Competence in a wide range of outdoor skills.

Experience leading expeditions of at least 5 days in length.

Canoeing, kayaking, and/or wilderness therapy.

Knowledge of group dynamics and diversity issues.

Experience working with urban youth.

Certified Wilderness First Responder or higher and CPR.

Life guarding and swift water rescue preferred

Strong desire to help teens develop in the outdoors.

Minimum age of 21

## Employment dates: June 21 – August 31, 2011

#### 10-Day programs

Session 1	Prep July 1&2	Dates: July 3 - 12
Session 2	Prep July 18&19	Dates: July 20 - 29
Session 3	Prep Aug 3&4	Dates: Aug 5 - Aug 14
Session 4	Prep Aug 20&21	Dates: Aug 22- Aug 31

#### 21-Day Programs

Session 1	Prep July 7&8	Dates: July 9-29
Session 2	Prep Aug 9&10	Dates: August 11-31

Benefits: Training, competitive instructor salary & housing provided

Application Closing Date: May 1, 2011.

# Applicants are recommended to have their cover letter and resume submitted well in advance to: Camp Director, Angel Martinez at angel@clearwater.org

\*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Clearwater encourages a diverse workplace and does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt nonprofit, member-supported corporation whose mission is to preserve and protect the Hudson River, its tributaries and related bodies of water. Hudson River Sloop Clearwater conducts innovative environmental programs, advocacy and celebrations in order to inspire and energize the next generation of environmental leaders.

Founded in 1969 by music legend and environmental activist Pete Seeger, the organization began with the launch of sloop Clearwater—a majestic replica of the sloops that sailed the Hudson in the 18th and 19th centuries. The 106-footlong tall ship was among the first vessels in the U.S. to conduct science-based environmental education aboard a sailing ship, creating the template by which such programs are conducted around the world today.

Since the launch of Clearwater, more than half a million young people and hundreds of thousands of adults have experienced their first real look at an estuary's ecosystem aboard the sloop. Clearwater has become America's Environmental Flagship, named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004 for its role in the environmental movement. Today, the organization is partnering with schools and community leaders to raise the bar of environmental education again. This time the health of the Hudson River must go hand and hand with a sustainable world of green jobs in a green economy.