2025 Friday Guide Description

Who we are:

Nifty Nanny is a play and community based bike touring program for ages 3-10 years old.

We nurture a safe and supportive community where children can explore their potential, develop outdoor skills, foster connections, and celebrate their individuality through the magic of discovery.



What We Are Looking For:

Are you excited to lead kids on new biking adventures while introducing them to outdoor skills and exploration? We're launching our **Friday on Dirt** program, focusing on bike- packing and outdoor education, and we're looking for an enthusiastic **Guide** to lead this exciting half-day experience for our Pathfinders group (ages 7-10)!

In this role, you'll guide campers through a hybrid bike skills class with a focus on outdoor exploration. You'll also plan and lead outdoor skill lessons, helping kids connect with nature, practice biking on diverse terrain, and learn essential bike-packing, outdoor skills in different environments around Durango. This program has a little more instruction but also fosters our value of free-play and exploration. You will collaborate with the Program Director to create an awesome itinerary!

Schedule:

- Friday on Dirt: Every Friday from 9am-12pm, June 3rd-August 15th, except July 4th
- You will have one additional Co-Guide

Core Responsibilities:

- Lead Bike Skills and Outdoor Exploration: Teach biking techniques while incorporating outdoor skills such as navigation, gear management, and environmental awareness etc.
- Plan & Facilitate Outdoor Skills Lessons: Choose and teach outdoor skills like shelter building, fire starting, or Leave No Trace (LNT) principles.
- Adapt to Various Terrain: Lead campers on bike rides through different areas of Durango to expose them to diverse environments and terrains.
- **Ensure Camper Safety**: Maintain a fun, safe atmosphere while supervising up to 10 campers, promoting positive group dynamics and individual growth.

- **Support Group Learning**: Foster an environment of cooperation, respect, and adventure as kids work together on biking challenges and outdoor lessons.
- Track Attendance & Report: Maintain camper attendance and assist with communication with parents.

Preferred Experience:

- Background or experience in outdoor education or guiding.
- Experience in bike packing, outdoor skills, or environmental education.
- Ability to manage a group of kids in an outdoor setting.

Requirements:

- Current CPR and First Aid certification (or willingness to complete training).
- Strong biking skills and the ability to guide kids on diverse terrain.
- Passion for teaching outdoor skills and working with children.
- Creativity and enthusiasm for developing engaging outdoor lessons.
- Required Trainings

Compensation and Perks:

- **Compensation**: \$55-\$75 a day (3- hour period) based on Guiding position and experience
- Opportunity to teach outdoor skills in beautiful locations
- Staff development opportunities
- We have a lot of materials but could provide any other lesson material within reason!