

Position available:

Nursery teacher at Yamanoko Childcare Center

We are looking for new team members to work with us at *Yamanoko Childcare Center* (for 50 children aged 0 to 5, opened in September 2018), and *Yamanoko Childcare Center Home* (for 19 children aged 0 to 2, opened in September 2017), both run and managed by Spiber Inc.

Our goal is to raise children, together with parents and guardians, that live in the present and are aware of their place in nature. Through activities such as making compost, creating edible gardens, and cooking with bonfires, we aspire to create a recycling-oriented way of ecological lifestyle together with children.

Our style of childcare is fully based on what we call the “exploration method.” We see children as the “greatest unknown,” and we question and explore even the smallest of their daily expressions and behaviours to create constant innovative transformation during childcare.

We are looking for people who are excited by new experiences, and who have a spirit of adventure and discovery.

Ideal candidates:

- Someone capable of absorbing themselves in play, and willing to accept a child's every action as an expression of themselves
- Someone who will make a daily effort to accept all of a child's behaviour as expressions of themselves
- Someone interested in observation and documentation, and who is willing to proactively engage in doing so
- Someone with rich life experience
- Someone who treats themselves and others with sincerity
- Someone who possesses the ability to respond to changes with flexibility, to think for themselves, and to proactively turn ideas into reality

Duties:

- Childcare at multi-age classes run based on exploration methods, where each child finds what to engage themselves in, and learns from one another
- Childcare and animal care that emphasize sustainable living, conducted in a rich natural environment
- Documentation and reporting duties related to children's day-to-day life at the childcare center
- Empowering parents

Job title:

Nursery teacher (2 members)

Qualifications:

Candidates must possess the following:

- Nursery teacher license
- More than 5 years of experience as a nursery teacher

*We are especially looking for someone who has a strong interest in outdoor activities/education.

*If you do not hold a nursery teacher license or have less than 5 years of experience but are still interested in applying, please inquire with us.

Position summary:

Employment type: Full-time

Working hours: 7:30-19:00 (8 hours/day)

Holidays: The childcare center is closed on Sundays and other holidays

Holidays per year: Varies each year; for reference, it was 125 days in 2019

Paid leave: 15 days (for the 2019 year); special leave available

Selection method: Document screening followed by initial and final interviews as required

Notification of results: 1-2 weeks after application screening

Positions to be filled: 2

Probation period: 3 months from commencement of employment

Starting date: Negotiable

Location: Tsuruoka City, Yamagata Prefecture, Japan

Benefits:

- Insurance (health, employment, occupational accident)
- Pension (welfare pension)
- Fixed contribution pension system available
- Childcare/nursing care leave
- Subsidised health examinations (once a year)
- Subsidised external training (approximately 1 to 3 times a year; we will cover training expenses, transportation expenses, and paid leave)

Remuneration:

Our company uses a self-declaration salary system, in which applicants decide their own salary (salary for the first three months working at the company will be decided separately via discussion with the candidate).

- Overtime pay available
- Please refer to our website for further information regarding our salary system

Estimated monthly salary range:

¥220,000 to ¥300,000

How to apply:

Please apply via the [application form on our website](#).

Interview process:

Applicants who have successfully passed the document screening stage will undergo two interviews (initial interview, final interview), each approximately 30 minutes in length. In some cases, we may ask you to participate in additional follow up interviews. Also, the applicants will join one class as a trial for a day/half a day before the final interview.

Necessary documents:

- CV
- Work history (not required if you have only recently graduated)
- Cover letter (describing your reason for applying)
- Essay

Essay theme: "Relationship with Children"

Please write about an experience you had interacting with children. Be detailed, and include how this event made you think and feel.

Length: 500-750 words

File format: .doc, .docx, .pdf (maximum file size: 5MB per file)