



Nature Preschool Afternoon Teacher

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, a leading environmental education provider for the Philadelphia region, seeks a passionate and energetic preschool teacher for our afternoon program. The ideal candidate will have a passion for early childhood education as well as experience or interest in using nature as an opportunity for discovery and learning.

The Nature Preschool Afternoon Teacher will be the lead in developing and integrating the Nature Preschool values into the afternoon curriculum (1-3:30 pm) and provide supervision and support for preschool children in the mixed-age outdoor afterschool program (3:30-5:30/6pm). The ideal candidate will be reliable, flexible, and available on both long-term and short term notice, for substitute opportunities.

This is a part-time position, Monday-Friday, 12:45 to approximately 5:45pm. Opportunities for extra hours will be available providing coverage for vacation, sick, planning, and holiday time for current staff who work the morning program. Opportunities for extra hours are also possible for candidates that are interested in leading environmental education field lessons for school groups (in the morning). Position reports to the preschool manager.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Supervising children at all times. Being aware of entire group while working with a small group or individuals. Maintaining proper ratios at all times
- Supervising and interacting with children outdoors for extended periods
- Respecting and observing children's interests. Intervening when needed to maintain safety. Enhancing children's play with language, toys, and activities
- Interacting with children frequently, affectionately and respectfully
- Being available and responsive to children's needs, questions, and requests
- Acknowledging feelings with sensitivity, and modeling appropriate social behavior
- Organizing environment and keeping equipment safe, clean and accessible for children to use independently
- Supporting SCEE's mission, philosophies, values, goals and policies to parents, co-workers and community

Qualifications and Requirements

- Bachelors in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Social Work, or related field. Or Bachelors in Environmental Education (or similar field) plus 2 years working in a preschool setting
- Experience working in a Reggio-type classroom environment preferred
- Experience in nature exploration; enthusiastic about being outdoors in all weather
- Enjoy working in a collaborative, team-oriented environment
- Ability to remain calm while juggling competing demands
- Ability to lead groups of children over rough terrain in all weather conditions
- Appropriate Clearances, health assessment and First Aid/CPR training completed upon employment

We value a racially, ethnically and culturally diverse work community and we strongly encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. E.O.E

Pay rate: \$10-\$13/hr; DOE

Start Date: March 21, 2016

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume to Shannon Dryden, 8480 Hagy's Mill Rd, Philadelphia PA 19128; shannon@schuylkillcenter.org ; email preferred. No phone calls please.