



Seasonal Environmental Educator, Summer Camp Aftercare Program

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, a leading environmental education provider for the Philadelphia region, seeks a passionate and energetic naturalist/early childhood educator to engage students and the public in meaningful and innovative learning experiences in nature. Position reports to the Program Coordinator and Manager of Public Programs.

Position Summary

The Seasonal Environmental Educator primarily serves in our Summer Camp Aftercare Program, providing supervision and support for children, and engaging children ages 3-12 years old in nature-based play at the Center. The Seasonal Environmental Educator may also staff other programs and special events as needed. The core schedule for this position is Monday – Friday, 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Interact with children outdoors for extended periods of time
- Supervise children at all times. Be aware of a small group of children while working with a larger group. Maintaining proper ratios at all times
- Provide mentorship and guidance to children, supporting their social-emotional, physical, and intellectual development, healthy risk assessment, and community building.
- Respect and observe children's interests. Intervene when needed to maintain safety.
- Interact with children frequently, affectionately, and respectfully
- Acknowledge feelings with sensitivity, and model appropriate social behavior
- Support the Schuylkill Center's mission, philosophies, values, goals, and policies to parents, co-workers, and community.
- Assist with other projects in the education department as requested.

Expected Competencies

- A background in early childhood education, elementary education, social work or related areas is preferred but not required.
- Interest in the natural sciences, local flora and fauna, and outdoor-based education.
- Desire and ability to engage youth in learning experiences using developmentally appropriate pedagogy and group management techniques
- An understanding of early childhood development, the different stages of growth, and an awareness of young children's needs
- Desire and ability to employ redirection and positive behavior modification strategies when confronted with challenging behaviors among children we serve

- Adapt and be flexible with quickly changing environments
- Team-oriented with strong interpersonal skills; work collaboratively with fellow staff and ability to communicate in a timely and respectful manner

Physical Demands/Work Environment

The physical demands and work environment characteristics described are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

During most of the summer, the Seasonal Environmental Educator spends the better part of their day outdoors. The employee must be able to:

- Spend multiple hours outdoors in all weather (heat, cold, rain, snow)
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- Engage in sustained physical activity throughout the day
- Lift up to 50 pounds (size of a small child)
- Hear children that might be out of direct sight-line
- Have 20:20 vision (with corrective lenses) to provide oversight during outdoor play

Background Clearances

Finalists are responsible for providing a valid Pennsylvania Child Abuse clearance, state criminal background check, FBI criminal background check, and other background checks that the Schuylkill Center requires based on the applicant's state residency.

Compensation

This position has a starting rate of \$14/hr.

To Apply

Please send a resume and letter of interest to Eric Janowiak, Afterschool and Camp Coordinator eric@schuylkillcenter.org

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