



Job Opening: Environmental Educator/Naturalist – part-time, as needed

Application Close Date: Rolling basis

Hours: Part-time as needed, changes seasonally. Hours are flexible and include weekdays and weekends.

Compensation: Competitive hourly wage, commensurate with experience.

Seeking an Educator/Naturalist to teach and lead natural science, environmental education and STEM programs for K-12 school field trips, homeschoolers, scouts, community groups, and the general public. They will take an active role in promoting the nonprofit the New Weis Center as an environmental education, arts and recreation resource for the area. The Educator should project a helpful and positive attitude when interacting with Board members, staff, interns, volunteers, program participants, visitors and the community.

Responsibilities:

- Learn and deliver existing nature-based education programs and curriculum. Programs include hands-on lessons, hikes, arts & crafts, teambuilding activities and games.
- Field Trips: Lead and support K-12 school group lessons for field trips.
- Public programs: Assist with nature-based programs for all ages about the ecology, environment, flora and fauna, and natural history of the area.
- Scouts: Lead and support scout programs, including merit badges/patches, guided hikes and nature programs.
- Fill in for day camp counselors as needed.
- Assist with planning and presenting special events, including Earth Day, Farmers Markets, etc.

Qualifications:

- Experience developing outdoor education programs and curriculum, and leading programs for all ages.
- Background in natural sciences, environmental education, education or related field; degree preferred.
- Knowledge of and passion for the natural world, including local flora and fauna (native and invasive plants, bird identification, stream ecology, forest ecosystems, etc.)
- Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to relate to people of different ages and abilities.
- Confidence in public speaking, leading a group, initiating activities, and working independently.
- Enthusiastic, outgoing, patient, and flexible.
- Ability to work both independently and on a team, with minimal supervision.

Requirements:

- Valid First Aid and CPR/AED certificate, or willingness to get certified.
- Must pass a criminal background and sex offender check prior to start date.
- Must have own transportation and a valid driver's license.
- Must be able to hike 3+ miles over uneven terrain in all weather conditions.

TO APPLY: email resume and cover letter to Anne at: info@highlandsnaturefriends.org