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Environmental Educator (Seasonal)

Position Description

Job Summary:

The part-time, seasonal Environmental Educator will implement and support The Conservation Foundation's (TCF) youth education and community conservation efforts that fulfill its mission of improving the health of our communities by preserving and restoring natural areas and open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of the environment.

The educator will support staff in the organization and implementation of youth and family environmental education programs at TCF's McDonald Farm and at local natural areas, schools, parks and community locations from April-August 2025. The educator will also assist with maintaining the children's garden (e.g., planting, weeding, watering) in preparation for programs in the garden.

TCF is seeking someone who is passionate about providing meaningful outdoor experiences for young people and engaging people and communities in ways that are meaningful to them. Success in this position will require a commitment to TCF's mission, strong educator and interpersonal skills, attention to detail, and the ability to work well with others (of all ages)

Reports to: Emma Lohenry, Youth Programs Manager

Schedule & Job Location: Part-time (20 hours/week), Spring/Summer 2025. Position based at the McDonald Farm in Naperville with regular travel to other field trip sites. Some evenings and weekends required. Monday through Friday mornings required for five weeks in July and August.

Position Details:

- Work will be focused on preparing for and running educational programs in indoor and outdoor settings, including day camps, field trips, scout troops, and other activities.
- Ability to travel to work sites required (Valid driver's license and reliable transportation), mileage compensated at IRS rate
- Ability to travel from site to site and ambulate on outdoor, uneven terrain
- Ability to lift, carry and move light-to-medium (10 – 40 lbs.) weight objects
- Rate of pay is budgeted at \$17/hour
- TCF offers benefits for part time employees, including paid leave and a retirement match

Experience & Qualifications:

- Experience and/or interest in engaging children and young people and guiding small groups in experiential learning
- Understanding of (or willingness to learn about) local nature, conservation, ecology
- Experience and/or interest in gardening
- Leadership, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills
- Bilingual in Spanish (preferred)
- Experience working with students from a variety of backgrounds and abilities (preferred)

Timeline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Position vacant until filled. Estimated start date is April 2025 and will run through August 2025.

The Conservation Foundation is committed to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment where everyone is valued and belongs. We seek to be an organization where each individual thrives and where unique views, beliefs and perspectives are respected and celebrated.

The Conservation Foundation is an equal opportunity employer. All aspects of employment including the decision to hire, promote, discipline, or discharge, will be based on merit, competence, performance, and business needs. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy, genetic information, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or any other status protected under federal, state, or local law.

Please email cover letter and resume to:
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with subject line: Seasonal Educator Application