

Position: Bilingual Nature Programs Educator (Spanish)

Reports to: Nature School Manager

Employment Type: Part-time, 20-30 hrs/week

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Application deadline: Open until filled; first review on Friday May 24th

Bilingual Nature Programs Educator (Spanish) Position Description

The Bilingual Nature Programs Educator will work as part of The Corvallis Environmental Center's (CEC) education team, focusing on our early childhood education programs. Under the direction of the Nature School Manager, the Bilingual Nature Programs Educator will be part of the AM Natureplay Preschool education team, and be the lead instructor for our new program, Niños de la Naturaleza, and Summer Natureplay. This position may also participate in other education programs as an assistant or substitute when needed. These programs include summer camps, Schools Out Adventures, Field Trips, WILD Afterschool, Birthday Parties, and Jr. Naturalists.

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) envisions a community in which People Learn, People Care, People Act. In pursuit of this vision, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire people to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through local & healthy food initiatives, nature-based education, and energy conservation programs. The CEC was founded in 1994 as a grassroots effort to take action on environmental issues, and today reaches over 15,000 people in Benton County through its programs and services.

About Natureplay Preschool

For over 18 years the Corvallis Environmental Center's preschool program at the Avery House Nature Center has striven to facilitate a deep connection between students and their environment through engaging and playful nature activities outdoors! We tell stories, sing, play movement games, do amazing art projects and learn about nature through inquiry and investigation of nature's seasonal cycles.

Our facility is located in Avery Park and has access to native plant gardens, old growth forests, a riparian ecosystem and hiking trails, playground areas, and seasonal wetlands—providing fun learning opportunities year round!

About Niños de la Naturaleza

Students will work on letter sounds & numbers in Spanish, with an introduction to reading and writing. Learn songs in Spanish with nature themes. Explore culture and traditions with color and art—from

painting to puppets and storytelling. We spend time outside every day learning from nature in English, Spanish, and Latin!

A great fit for children who:

- Have already attended a year of preschool
- Attend another preschool in the morning
- Plan to attend a bilingual kindergarten
- Missed kindergarten cut off date
- Are home-schooled kindergartners

Job Responsibilities

- Work with Natureplay education team to coordinate, plan, and prepare for daily implementation of Natureplay Preschool
- Lead Niños de la Naturaleza, which includes developing curriculum and adapting materials and curriculum to be taught in Spanish
- Assist with the development and implementation of CEC camps and preschool programming in the summer months
- Work with the education team to attend education-oriented outreach events, such as science and curriculum nights at local schools
- Assist in the coordination of volunteers and interns
- Administer program evaluations
- Participate in regular staff meetings and organization-wide events
- Participate in other education programs as an assistant or substitute when needed
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience in early childhood education, child development, environmental or natural resource education, environmental sciences, or related field
- Fluent in Spanish (both written and spoken)
- Experience in administering environmental education programs
- Self-motivated, hardworking, professional, and dependable; ability to work independently, in a team, and in a support role
- Well organized and detail-oriented
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- First Aid/CPR certified

Compensation

- This position pays \$13.50-\$15.50/hr, DOE

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