

Position Announcement: Nature Programs Educator (Part-Time)

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Reports to: NaturePlay Preschool Coordinator

Employment Type: Part-time, 20-25 hours per week; possibility of full time in summer or as needed

Starting Pay Range: \$16.00 - \$18.00/hour DOE.

Application Deadline: Open until filled, applications reviewed on an ongoing basis.

We are looking for people who share our passion for working with children to connect them with nature and with each other and to help them build life skills that will impact their lives for years to come. Join us in working to create healthy, sustainable communities! We strongly encourage applicants from all backgrounds.

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We work in Corvallis, Oregon and surrounding communities of Benton and Linn Counties. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with local school districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The food grown at SAGE is donated to those in need through our social service partner agencies.

About NaturePlay Preschool

For over 20 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.

Position Summary

The Nature Programs Educator will work as part of the Corvallis Environmental Center's (CEC) education team, focusing on our early childhood education programs primarily NaturePlay preschool occurring Monday through Friday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This position may also participate in other education programs when needed. These programs may include day camps, after school programs, in-class programs, or community events.

Job Responsibilities

- Work with NaturePlay education team to implement preschool programs during the school year primarily in the morning
- Assist with the implementation of CEC day camps and preschool summer programming
- Assist education team with set up, clean up, and COVID safety protocols
- Assist staff in administering program evaluations
- Participate in regular staff meetings and program team meetings
- Participate in other education programs as a substitute when needed
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Work experience and/or degree in early childhood education, child development, environmental or natural resource education, or related field
- Experience working with children aged 3 to 5
- Experience in implementing environmental education programs for K through 5th grade students
- Ability to work independently and in a collaborative team
- Demonstrated commitment to equity and creating positive work environments
- Ability to work with people with diverse life experience
- Well organized and detail-oriented
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Fluent in Spanish (both written and spoken) is preferred but not required

This job is performed year-round both indoors and outdoors in a park and other outdoor settings as well as in classrooms or a shared office setting at a desk or remotely. Some programs require the ability to (or willingness to learn to) ride a bike, hike and/or operate a raft. On or off-site meetings or events may occur during the day, or occasionally in the evening, or on weekends.

Application Instructions

- Please send a resume and cover letter to us at office@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org
- This position is open until filled.
- Applications must be emailed to the address above, not sent through Indeed, Facebook, or other sites. Thank you.

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