

## **Position Announcement Nature Programs Educator**

### **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 are based in Corvallis, Oregon and work in 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 the Position**

The Nature Programs Educator works as an integral part of the Corvallis Environmental Center team and is responsible for daily implementation of Nature Education classes and activities. These programs include an afterschool program, Schools Out Adventure camps and Summer Camps, field trips, and custom education programs. This position will focus primarily on Corvallis School District's PAGES afterschool program for elementary aged children during the school year (Part-time, 10-20 hours per week) and day camps in the summer (Full-time, 30+ hours per week), with the possibility of expanding into other areas depending on program needs. Work takes place in school classrooms and gardens, parks and natural areas, Avery House Nature Center, Starker Arts Garden for Education, and office settings. During summer camps and environmental education programs they will lead lessons, activities, and games focused on ecology, science, nature connection, skill building, and more. The person in this position may also participate in other education programs as a teacher or substitute when needed.

**Reports to:** Nature Programs and Camps Coordinator

**Employment Type:** Part-time, 20-25 hours per week (September-June)

Full time, 30+ hours per week (mid-June through September)

**Pay Rate:** \$17.50 - \$18.50 per hour DOE

**Location:** Based in Corvallis, Oregon

**Hours:** Typically M-Th afternoons (1pm-5:30pm) during the school year, with occasional morning programs or evening events. 8am-4pm during the summer (June 14th-August 29th 2025)

### **Job Responsibilities**

- Prepare and lead activities focused on nature or garden education for children in grades K-5, promoting a positive and inclusive learning environment

- Occasionally attend education-oriented outreach events, such as science and curriculum nights at local schools
- Work with other program staff to develop and implement new educational programs
- Oversee program volunteers and interns
- Administer program evaluations
- Participate in regular staff meetings and organization-wide events
- Other duties as assigned

### **Qualifications**

- Demonstrates a commitment to equity and creating a positive, inclusive work environment.
- Experience leading groups of elementary aged children in activities and lessons in an outdoor and/or classroom setting
- Work experience or degree in child development, elementary education, environmental or natural resource education, environmental sciences, community food systems, public health, environmental/food policy, nutrition, or related field.
- Self-motivated, hardworking, professional, and dependable; ability to work independently, in a team, and in a support role
- Well organized and detail-oriented
- Access to reliable transportation
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- First Aid/CPR certified by time of employment

### **Additional Preferred Qualifications**

- Bilingual in Spanish and English preferred.
- Experience working with diverse populations and/or lived experience as a member of a traditionally marginalized community.
- Experience or interest in integrating social and environmental justice principles into educational programming

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to [evelia.v@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org](mailto:evelia.v@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org)

The position is open until filled.

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