



Columbia Springs Part-Time Environmental Educator

Apply by August 30th

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Job Title: Environmental Educator

Reports To: Executive Director

Compensation:

- Pay rate starting at \$18/ hourly
- Prorated accrued paid time off + paid holidays
- Potential to pursue special projects and interest areas
- Opportunity to work and teach in a beautiful outdoor setting with a team that values personal and professional growth and a healthy work/life balance

Hours/location: Approximately 20hrs/week. Occasional evening and weekend work associated with special events and programs. Planned work dates and times will be coordinated with the Executive Director and team in advance and are subject to change based on mutual agreement. Work from home is an option when programs are not in session, but much of this position must be done in person.

Position Description

Do you love seeing students fall in love with nature and build confidence as scientists? Are you a creative, collaborative, community-minded individual? Do you care deeply about student experience and authentic relationships? Join our talented education team and lead memorable outdoor science and nature field trip programs for our community youth. Guide student led scientific investigations. Encourage peer to peer collaboration. Create space for students to feel supported, successful and gain a sense of belonging. Columbia Springs' mission is to provide a unique setting and educational experiences that foster a greater awareness of the natural world and inspire stewardship. See website for more info: <http://www.columbiasprings.org>

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Lead a full class of elementary students (up to 30) through our 1-4hr education programs several days per week.
- Conduct outdoor activities in all kinds of weather and on uneven terrain.
- Support programs to improve program outcomes for students of diverse backgrounds.
- Be a team leader and a team player: inclusive, supportive and communicative.
- Other duties as assigned
- This position reports to the Executive Director.

Desired Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

We recognize that there are many different paths, experiences, and less traditional backgrounds that add value to one's work and encourage applicants to apply even if they do not have all of the desired skills and feel that this position would be a great fit. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

- Relevant work experience and/or bachelor's degree in education or Natural Sciences.
- Experience with inquiry-based environmental education.
- Commitment to equity and inclusion.
- Basic understanding of PNW forest ecology, natural history subjects, and environmental stewardship.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, ability to write clearly and persuasively.
- Demonstrated ability to work autonomously, take initiative and direction, identify timelines and follow through on assignments.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Possess a positive, 'Can-Do' attitude and curiosity of the natural world.
- Ability to lift 50lbs and walk 3-4 miles over uneven ground.
- Ability to pass a background check upon hire

Timeline:

Please apply on or before 11:59pm on August 30th, 2024.

Phone interviews will take place as applications arrive.

In person interviews for selected candidates will take place the first week of September, 2024

Anticipated start date: second week of September, 2024.

To Apply:

Submit a single pdf to katherine@columbiasprings.org that includes:

- A cover letter sharing why you are interested in this position
- Your resume with relevant experience
- The contact information for two (2) references

Email: Katherine@columbiasprings.org with any questions or comments.

Columbia Springs is committed to recruiting, hiring, developing, compensating, and promoting the best-qualified individuals for positions at all levels of the organization. Columbia Springs is an equal opportunity employer. We stand in our commitment to foster an inclusive educational environment where every student, staff member, parent, volunteer, and community member is treated with dignity and respect. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, pregnancy, age, veteran status, disabled status, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.