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ECOSYSTEM PRESERVE

Student Job Description

Title: Nature Program Leader
Responsible to: Program Manager & Preserve Director
Department: Ecosystem Preserve

Purpose of the Job: To teach environmental education programs to visiting elementary and middle school students during the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Prepare for and teach environmental education programs for elementary and middle school students using a curriculum specifically prepared for the Ecosystem Preserve.
2. Participate in ongoing training and evaluation of the environmental education program.
3. Collect fees from and issue receipts to visiting teachers as needed.

Necessary Skills, Abilities and Qualifications:

- A solid, basic knowledge of plant and animal natural history. This requirement could be met by at least one year of college biology or two courses in high school biology with an emphasis on ecology and the environment. Some candidates may have acquired this background through work at a summer camp or nature center.
- Participation in initial and ongoing training in aspects of the natural history of the Ecosystem Preserve, environmental education techniques, and the Ecosystem Preserve's environmental education curriculum.
- An interest in working with elementary and middle school students, teachers and parents in various settings including outdoors and in all types of weather. Prior experience working with Pre-K to 6th grade students is helpful but not essential.
- Strong work ethic and ability to act independently in preparing for and meeting scheduled teaching assignments.
- Must be very dependable and punctual.
- Strong verbal communication skills.

Time Commitment: 2 to 10 hours a week depending on programs scheduled during program seasons. Fall season is mid-September to mid-November. Winter season is during the month of February. Spring season is April to mid-May.

Benefits: Gain experience teaching and working with elementary students, build your resume, spend time outside, learn more about God's creation and yourself.

Suggested Wage Level: II

Suggested Wage: \$7.75

Typical Length of Employment:

_____ Summer ___X___ Academic Year _____ Year