

Early Childhood Environmental Educator

Organization: Painted Oak Nature School

Address: 174 Lambertville Hopewell Road, Hopewell NJ 08525

Job Description: (part-time)

The mission of Painted Oak Nature School is to be a nurturing community of learners that values kindness, cooperation, curiosity, imagination, and respect for all living things. We cultivate habits that instill confidence, capability, and self-reliance. Through daily interactions with the environment, our school promotes a holistic nature-based education for preschoolers, kindergarteners, and their families that foster deep connections with the natural world and to each other.

The position of Early Childhood Environmental Educator will provide programming, logistics, and support for our Caregiver & Child forest school class. This class, known as the Forest Explorers, meets once a week for 6 weeks over the course of the Spring season. The class is held entirely outdoors from 9:30am – 11am for children ages 18 months – 3 years old. A parent, a grandparent, or other caring adult accompanies the child to the class and remains present for the duration. Enrollment of the class is capped at 8 children.

Minimum qualifications: The ideal candidate will have experience in offering youth environmental education programming, developing creative curriculum, be adaptable to unexpected program changes, the ability to engage toddlers and preschoolers, and have strong interpersonal skills. The candidate should exude confidence leading a group in an outdoor setting. In addition, the candidate will be proactive, detail-oriented, and can multi-task and prioritize. Employment is contingent on a successful background check.

Required availability:

Spring season, 2020: The applicant must be consistently available Wednesday mornings for programming throughout the months of March – June, 2020. Preferentially seeking applicants available to teach at least 2 consecutive sessions.

Compensation: \$20/hour (9:30am-11am)

Job Duration:

Temporary with potential to continue with the organization in the Fall running similar programming.

How to Apply:

To apply: Please send resume and cover letter to Nicole Langdo, Founding Director, Painted Oak Nature School or email: paintedoakns@gmail.com. Please describe how a part-time position fits in your life right now, along with your experience in environmental education.