



Position Title: Seasonal Environmental Educator

Position Location: Beaver Creek Reserve – Fall Creek, WI Eau Claire County

Position Time From: April 22, 2024 through August 9, 2024. Possibility to extend position through AmeriCorps from September 2024-August 2025.

Wage: \$12/hr with housing & utilities or \$13 without housing

Hours: 35+ Hours a week

Benefits: Onsite housing available. Use of rental equipment for personal use.

Requirements: Covid-19 vaccine required.

OVERVIEW: Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) is a non-profit environmental center founded in 1947. The 400-acre reserve includes the Eau Claire County Youth Camp, Wise Nature Center, Citizen Science Center, Butterfly House, and the Hobbs Observatory. This unique combination of facilities provides a special atmosphere where all people can discover, learn and appreciate the mysteries and miracles of the world where we live. Beaver Creek Reserve is the bridge that connects what youth and adults learn in their everyday environment and adds real-life tangible experiences that support growth and understanding of the natural world.

DESCRIPTION: Beaver Creek Reserve's Environmental Educator will assist the education staff with the planning and teaching of existing K-12 and adult programming. The Environmental Educator will work on developing grade-specific curriculum and programming with live animals. All program development will include, writing a curriculum, creating props or materials, training volunteers, and presenting programs. The Environmental Educator will assist in special events like Native Plant Sale, Butterfly Fest, Wisconsin Master Naturalist training, and more. The Environmental Educator will play a significant role in developing, organizing, and leading nature-based summer camps, recreation programs, and seasonal programs for all ages. They will also assist in designing publicity for programs and contributing to our newsletter, social media, and blog. There is a lot of space for personal creativity and inspiration in this position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist education staff with the planning and teaching of existing K-12 and adult programming.
- Lead and assist education staff with PreK-12 and higher education field trips.
- Develop written curriculum based on Wisconsin DPI standards.
- Responsible for leading nature hikes, team-building exercises, and outdoor skills programs.
- Help with annual special events.
- Assist in organizing and leading summer camps.
- Care, train, and present with live animals including reptiles, amphibians, and raptors.
- Present and attend at offsite outreach events.
- Develop interpretive displays and exhibits.
- Assist with maintenance and care of exhibits, buildings, and education areas.
- Train and schedule volunteers.
- Produce material for website, blog, and social media to promote programs and events.
- Contribute to social media through our newsletter, Facebook, and our blog.
- Work some evenings and weekends.
- Assist with upkeep and development of new elements to Nature Nooks and youth outdoor exploration areas.
- Assist with upkeep and development of new elements to Beaver Creek Obstacle Course.
- Assist with the development and upkeep of trail signs and Storybook Hiking Trail.
- Help with the operation of the butterfly house, greenhouse, invasive species removal, and garden projects.
- Research grant opportunities and apply for grants to fund specific education projects and programs.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education, Biology, or Natural Science degree with interest, knowledge, and experience in the outdoors.
- Strong knowledge base of Wisconsin ecology.
- Teaching experience with ages K -12 grades and adults.
- Summer camp experience.
- Excellent communication skills are essential.
- Enthusiastic, creative and flexible.
- Willingness to learn various recreational and environmental activities.
- Experience in outdoor recreation (kayaking, canoeing, hiking) a plus.
- Comfortable working in adverse weather conditions.
- Must be able to carry 50lbs, hike 5 miles, and be on your feet for several hours.

BENEFITS:

- A meaningful experience that allows you to learn new skills, take on new responsibilities and engage with your community in intensive and effective ways.
- Build your resume! You will gain impressive knowledge from a year-round, well-established environmental education facility.
- Hands-on experience developing and presenting environmental education, caring for and educating with live animals, writing curriculum, and networking.
- The freedom to develop your own programming.

The position is open until a candidate is found.

Submit cover letter, resume and three references to:

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