



PARKS & PEOPLE FOUNDATION

Environmental Education

Lead Environmental Educator

Description:

The BCPSS Assistant Environmental Educator will work with one of Parks & People Foundation's after-school Environmental Education (EE) Programs; K-1 Environmental Education, KidsGrow (grades 2-5) and Project BLUE (Baltimore Lessons in Urban Ecosystems – grades 6-8). The Parks & People EE programs are designed to improve academic skills in math, science, social studies, literacy and arts while also providing meaningful experiences in nature and exposure to green careers. Parks & People EE immerses students in the world of watersheds and urban ecosystems through interactive lessons, field investigations and hands-on projects and activities. Students are engaged in topics related to water quality, soils, ecology, biodiversity, air quality, natural resources, urban agriculture, health and nutrition. The programs also features service learning and outreach opportunities that allows student's to express their creativity and expand their problem solving and leadership skills through environmental restoration and stewardship projects in their own community. As a BCPSS Assistant Environmental Educator, you will be joining a long tradition of ecological stewards contributing to environmental restoration and education efforts in Baltimore. For more information on Parks & People Environmental Education Programs, please visit: www.parksandpeople.org/learn/after-school-programs2/

The Parks & People K-1 EE and KidsGrow programs are held Monday through Thursday afterschool from 4:30-5:30pm. Project BLUE is held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30pm and 1:40-3:00pm on Wednesdays for 32 weeks during the fall and spring semesters.

Responsibilities:

- Teach/deliver with the assistance of a Parks & People Lead Environmental Educator hands-on interactive lessons to Baltimore City youth
- Help to engage students and further their understanding of core curriculum concepts in the lessons and activities through one on one tutoring/mentoring, assisting with group work and creating an overall enthusiastic and exciting environment
- Help lead students in outdoor activities and service projects.
- Monitor student behavior and implement disciplinary procedures and behavior management strategies according to the rules, guidelines and rewards and incentives strategies outlined in the Environmental Educator training manual.
- Assist with maintaining and organizing supplies, equipment, tools, worksheets, journals, etc necessary for implementing lessons. This will include set-up, preparation and clean up of field investigations, experiments, service projects, inventory of supplies in office storage units and at program sites.
- Distribute and maintain student files and data (attendance records, permission forms and assessments).
- Must be available between the hours of 4:30 to 5:30pm, Mon - Thurs.

Qualifications:

- Certified Baltimore City Public School Teacher or 1-2 years experience working with elementary or middle school youth in a formal or informal classroom setting (i.e. nature center, summer camp etc)
- Interest or educational background in ecology, natural resource management, environmental or outdoor education is a plus.

Compensation:

The Lead Environmental Educator position pays \$18/hr for 8 hours a week. There will be 4-8 hours of training tentatively scheduled for Sept 19th through Sept 23rd from 3:30-6:30pm (training dates may vary depending on program). As this position is contractual, you will not receive any fringe benefits, sick days or vacation days.

To Apply:

Please send a résumé to Desiree Shelley at desiree.shelley@parksandpeople.org and Jacquelyn Bullock at Jacquelyn.bullock@parksandpeople.org