



Nature Collective

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PART-TIME EDUCATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

NATURE COLLECTIVE is seeking part-time educators to lead students on guided tours in San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and Escondido Creek Watershed. Nature Collective exists to drive a passion for nature, for all. We believe that if we help people discover a passion for nature, they will want to protect it and value everything it has to offer. The education program collaborates with school districts to provide Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)-aligned, hands-on opportunities to apply science practices, both to our watershed and the student's community. Our dynamic programs ignite curiosity and appreciation of the natural world, and empower students to care for the environment in their own communities.

You are encouraged to apply if you have experience working with children, enjoy inspiring others to be curious about and care for nature, and are familiar with NGSS. As an educator, you will be joining collaborative and supportive team of nature enthusiasts committed to engaging youth in outdoor science education.

Program Description

Our Programs, grounded in inquiry-based learning, inspire students to observe their surroundings, ask questions, and engage in argument from evidence. School programs average 2-3 hours. Group sizes range from 10-12 per educator with support from a teacher/chaperone.

Program themes include:

- Exploring Habitats (Grade 3)
- Weathering and Erosion (Grade 4)
- Ecosystems (Grade 5)

Skills and Qualifications

- Degree in education, environmental science, or related experience that would prepare you to lead outdoor education programs for youth
- Demonstrated experience and/or interest in inquiry-based teaching
- Ability to connect with students ages 8-11 from diverse backgrounds
- Bilingual Spanish speaker is a plus

- Excellent oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to be flexible in both teaching style and schedule
- Willingness to facilitate learning through discussion
- Ability to keep accurate records and submit reports and paperwork in a timely manner

Other Job Requirements

- Be available to lead on average 2-3 programs/week between 8:30 am – Noon, Tuesday – Friday
- Attend monthly educator trainings on last Monday of month from 9 am – Noon
- Ensure program goals and objectives are being met
- Work collaboratively with education team in program development and implementation
- Be motivated to practice, improve, and incorporate feedback
- Able to hike a minimum of 3 miles on uneven narrow trails with elevation gain
- Conduct programming outdoors in any type of weather
- Uniform/dress code required
- Assist with program evaluation
- Must be able to pass a background check and TB test

Non-essential functions

- Other duties as may be assigned

Start Dates

- Education Trainings (24 hours) will take place in late August/early September from 9 am – 3pm, dates TBD
- Programs begin October 2019

Hours: Mornings, 2-3 days/week October 2019 - May 2020. Additional opportunities to support weekend family programs, 9 am – 1 pm.

Compensation: Hourly rate \$14/hour. Temporary/Seasonal

To Apply: Please submit cover letter, resume, and professional reference to Tara Fuad, Education Director at education@thenaturecollective.org by **July 27, 2019**. Please include "Part-Time Educator" in subject line. No phone calls please.