



Nearby Nature School Year Lead Instructor

Location: Outdoors in Nearby Nature's Learnscape at Alton Baker Park and Hendricks Park (Eugene, Oregon) (See nearbynature.org/programs to learn more.)

Qualifications:

- Experience teaching outdoors
- Experience supervising children pre-K-5th grade
- Ability to work eight hours on your feet/hike on uneven trails (with appropriate breaks)
- Willing to work outdoors in all seasons, in all weather
- Knowledge of natural history (Pacific Northwest preferred)
- Commitment to creating an inclusive and safe learning environment for all
- Understanding of trauma-informed teaching practices
- Experience designing curriculum preferred, but not required
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, flexibility
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- First Aid-CPR Certification (or commitment to obtain this)
- Spanish language fluency desired, but not required

Responsibilities:

- Serve as a Lead Instructor for school-year (September-June) outdoor programs as needed, including the Natural Neighbors After School program starting this February, Tuesdays 2:15-5:45 pm and Wednesdays 1:45-5:45 pm, and No School Day Adventures (when local schools have days off, 10+ days per year) 8:15 am-4:45 pm
 - Develop seasonal units/daily programs and deliver lesson plans
 - Facilitate outdoor activities with an emphasis on safety, exploration, discovery, and fun
 - Supervise/mentor teaching assistants and volunteers
 - Communicate effectively with program assistants, children, and parents/guardians
- Occasionally serve as Substitute Instructor/Assistant for our Wonder Keepers Preschool (8:30 am-12:30 pm M/W/F) as available
- Assist with administrative and outreach tasks as needed
- Ideally assist with/lead additional programs such as Summer Daycamps, School Nature Walks, and Nature Quests, depending on skills and Nearby Nature staffing needs

Wage and Benefits: 7 1/2 -9 hours/week for Natural Neighbors (February - mid-June 2026 and ideally return for September 2026-June 2027), 9 hours per program for occasional No School Days, plus possible up to 40 hours/week mid-June-August 2026 for Summer Daycamps), \$17.25/hour starting wage. Sick time available.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter to Nearby Nature (explaining experience and interests relevant to tasks of this position), two references, and a resume as three separate PDF files via email to programs@nearbynature.org. No phone calls please. **Application deadline: open until filled.** On-the-job training will ideally start before February.

Questions? See nearbynature.org or email programs@nearbynature.org.

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