



Nearby Nature Preschool Programs Coordinator & Youth Educator

Location: Outdoors in Nearby Nature's Learnscape & in Alton Baker Park (Eugene, Oregon)

Required Qualifications:

- Experience working with preschoolers, preferably outdoors (experience with elementary-aged students also desirable)
- Ability to work on your feet for five to eight hours a day
- Willingness 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 children
- Experience teaching and designing curriculum for outdoor education
- Understanding of trauma-informed teaching practices
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, flexibility, excellent communication skills

Desired Skills:

- Degree in Early Childhood Education and/or experience teaching in a Forest/Outdoor Preschool preferred, but not required
- Bilingual, Spanish and English preferred, but not required

Responsibilities:

- Serve as Lead Instructor for our all outdoor Wonder Keepers Preschool Program, three mornings a week (M/W/F) from September-June & as a Summer Daycamps Instructor (M-F, half and/or full days) for Preschool Minnow and Dragonfly programs from late June-August
 - Create lesson plans/seasonal units based on Nearby Nature's existing curriculum materials, prior experience, and the input of Programs Manager/Executive Director
 - Lead outdoor activities with an emphasis on exploration, discovery, fun, and safety
 - Communicate regularly with parents/guardians
 - Manage a teaching team that includes a paid assistant and/or intern plus an adult or teen volunteer, varies with program
 - Assist part time with administration of Wonder Keepers during the school year and daycamps during the summer
- Lead additional youth programs including Elementary No School Day Adventures, Family Nature Quests, Community Outreach programs, and more, as time and skills allow
- Maintain CPR and First Aid certification and up-to-date COVID-19 vaccinations

Wage and Benefits: Up to 40 hours/week June-September, average 30 hours/week October-May, \$18.50/hour starting wage. Start date as soon as possible after hire. Sick and leave time, health and wellness support, employer contribution to a SIMPLE IRA. (See nearbynature.org/wonder-keepers/ and nearbynature.org/daycamps/ for information about key programs.)

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

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

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