

Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center
170 N. Chapman Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

POSITION: Teacher Naturalist

The Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center (a non-profit organization in support of the Peace Valley Nature Center in Doylestown, PA) has a great opportunity for someone who is a good communicator and collaborator, has attention to detail, and can work in a dynamic environment, who can support our mission of environmental education! We are seeking **Teacher Naturalists**.

The Teacher Naturalist is the front-line educational staff for all PVNC programming and program-related operations. Teacher Naturalist's educational activities include interpretive hikes/field investigations, off-site trips, special topic classes, and various other activities. Programs range from 1 hour to a full day, or weeklong camps in the summer season. Work hours are determined based on program length. The Friends of PVNC are looking to hire people who have experience working with children and being outside. This is a seasonal, part time, per diem position.

Candidates must undergo Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance, and Federal Bureau of Investigations Criminal History Clearance to work with children. Candidates must obtain CPR/First Aid/AED training and maintain that certification.

This is a part time, per diem position. The hourly rate for this position starts at \$17/hr and is increased after 99 classes have been taught to \$20.50/hr.

About the Role:

- Teach and lead groups of program participants of any age both in the field and the classroom.
- Actively participate in appropriate group briefing and debriefing meetings.
- Participate in staff training/enrichment sessions for teacher naturalists and information sessions.
- Assist with the on-going development and refinement of current PVNC programs.
- Organize & maintain equipment and supplies in preparation for field programs.
- Make presentations to interested groups, help with visiting groups, and other duties as assigned.
- Provide a safe experience for students, peers and other PVNC guests to the best of your ability.
- Actively engage in self-improvement as a naturalist and informal science educator.
- Maintain active communication with the Environmental Education Manager or assigned supervisor.

About You:

- 18 years of age or older.
- 3+ years Naturalist experience, especially in a teaching role
- Previous public speaking and/or teaching experience to a variety of groups.
- Must be able to work outdoors in/around mud, shallow water, and insects.
- Must be able to work in all conditions, including sun, rain, and wind.
- Ability to hike long distances, over uneven terrain, in all seasons and varying weather conditions.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Able to work independently and in collaborative situations.
- Good program planning and program development skills.
- Solid written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstration of time-management skills.
- Great speaking and oral presentation skills.
- Attention to detail and excellent organizational skills.
- Ability to be resourceful and proactive when issues arise.
- Good problem-solver and troubleshooter.
- Desire to continually develop as both an educator and a naturalist.
- Outgoing pleasant demeanor.
- Professional attitude and appearance.
- Enthusiasm for nature and environmental education.

Would Be Nice:

- BS/BA degree in a related field.
- Non-profit experience.
- Ability to occasionally lift 25-50 lbs.

About Peace Valley Nature Center:

Peace Valley Nature Center is a facility of Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation. The nature center was established in May 1975. The Friends of Peace Valley Nature Center, a 501c3, was incorporated in 1978 to provide support through supplementing staffing, funding and programming.

Our Goal is to provide, manage and maintain an outdoor living museum and environmental education facility for Bucks County:

- To serve as a refuge and diverse habitat for wildlife—both plants and animals.
- To set aside a place where county citizens and other visitors can enjoy the peace and beauty of a natural area.
- To encourage and promote environmental awareness through a variety of educational experiences.