



Pre-school Substitute Environmental Educator

Job Description

The Darien Nature Center envisions a community that is deeply connected to nature and inspired to take action to preserve and protect it. We inspire passion and respect for the natural world through nature education, hands-on experiences with nature, and environmental action and stewardship.

The substitute teaching position is a part-time, non-exempt position working weekdays during the school year, mornings and/or afternoons (depending on schedule). This is a great opportunity for educators who have a passion for nature and love sharing its wonders with children.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Work with co-teacher to prepare daily lesson plans based on provided curriculum
- Embrace the Darien Nature Center philosophy of nature-based play and incorporate these experiences into daily lessons
- Convey a love and respect for the natural world. Be willing to get dirty, handle animals, and engage deeply in nature
- Utilize available materials, artifacts and live animals to enhance lessons
- Responsible for the care and safety of all children enrolled in designated class
- Able to lift 50 lbs, run after a toddler for short distances, transition from sit to stand position easily, and sit on the floor with children.
- Keep classroom materials clean and organized
- Report to the Program Director any concerns or challenges related to designated class
- Additional duties as assigned

Compensation starts at \$28 per hour.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/Town/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Position applied for: _____

Days/Hours available to work: _____

EDUCATION

High School _____ Years Completed _____

College _____ Years Completed _____

Business or Professional School _____ Years Completed _____

BACKGROUND

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME, including sex-related or child-abuse related offenses? Yes___ No___

If yes, explain number of conviction(s), nature of offenses(s) leading to conviction(s), how recently such offense(s) was/were committed, sentence(s) imposed, and types(s) of rehabilitation. _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience, particularly any work with children or work related to environmental education.

Please attach a resume **or** provide Name of Employer, Address, Job Title, Duties Performed, Employment Dates:

REFERENCES

Please list three references:

Name

Occupation

Phone

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

Signature of Applicant _____

Mail completed application to: Molly Robertson, Program Director, 120 Brookside Road, Darien, CT 06820. Or, email it to molly@dariennaturecenter.org.