



## Preschool 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:

- Embrace the Darien Nature Center philosophy of nature-based play and child-led learning
- Be a nature enthusiast. Share your curiosity, excitement, and sense of wonder with the children every day.
- Use natural materials as much as possible, and creating with process art is encouraged
  - Process art: where the act of creation, the gathering, experimenting, and experiencing is the primary focus, rather than the finished product)
- Be an active example of a nature explorer. Come ready to get down on the floor/ground and explore alongside the children. Come ready to be outside in all weather.
- Responsible for the care and safety of all children enrolled in designated class. Must supervise children at all times.
- Keep classroom materials clean and organized
- Ensure the conversations you are having with other teachers are appropriate for little listeners.
- Help children resolve conflicts by identifying feelings, describing problems, and trying alternative solutions.
- Report to the Program Director any concerns or challenges related to designated class
- Additional duties as assigned

# 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 the 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.

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## 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:

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## REFERENCES

Please list three references:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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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: Ursula Lewis, Program Director, 120 Brookside Road, Darien, CT 06820. Or, email it to [ursula@dariennaturecenter.org](mailto:ursula@dariennaturecenter.org).