



Outdoor Education Adventures

Outdoor Science Educator - Summer

Position Description

Outdoor Education Adventures (OEA) is seeking an energetic, hard-working, and flexible individual to be part of a team working to provide outdoor science education to children and youth. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds with a passion for the outdoors, natural science, and education to apply.

About Outdoor Education Adventures

Outdoor Education Adventures (OEA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit on a mission to provide equitable opportunities for positive educational experiences in nature. Based in Yamhill County, Oregon, our programs are structured to encourage curiosity, creative thinking, and exploration. Our aim is to increase scientific knowledge through outdoor experiences, teach about our local natural history and ecology, and inspire a love and advocacy for natural spaces. Our programs primarily serve ages 3.5-12 years old and include after-school and homeschool programs, school field trips, no-school day and summer day camps, and a nature-based preschool-kindergarten program.

OEA is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, or any other characteristic protected by law. We are dedicated to ensuring that all individuals and groups can be and feel welcomed, respected, supported and valued in the process of learning about and experiencing nature.

Position Summary

The Outdoor Science Educator will work closely with OEA Program Directors to plan and deliver summer camp programs to children and youth between the ages 5 to 12 years. They will be responsible for delivering natural science lessons and activities and guiding campers in exploring and playing in natural settings. This position works as a teammate to other OEA summer camp staff and volunteers and reports directly to the Program Directors. This is a seasonal position. Camps run from the end of June through August, 2024. Up to five, 40-hour work weeks are possible.

Job Responsibilities

- Design and teach environmental science activities and lessons for campers ages 5-12 years old;
- Lead culturally-responsive lessons and activities that give campers a voice, facilitate constructive problem solving, and encourage curiosity, observation, and discovery;
- Use equitable approaches which engage all campers regardless of color, religion, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, etc.
- Lead programs outside in all weather conditions;
- Engage fully in lessons and activities to encourage a positive and fun atmosphere for participants;
- Lead by example by being kind, inclusive, humble, patient, proud, considerate, grateful, and honest;
- Model respect and appreciation for each other, the land, water, plants and wildlife;
- Recognize, mitigate, and respond to outdoor hazards with calm and confidence;

- Ensure that participants follow rules and protocols at all times;
- Communicate with participants, parents, and other staff in a positive and constructive manner;
- Assist with program administration tasks such as managing registrations and communications;
- Maintain participant confidentiality;
- Direct assistant staff and/or volunteers to facilitate a safe and fun educational experience for participants;
- Assist with the setup and cleanup of program facilities.

Required Skills & Qualifications

- Must be an adult aged 18+;
- 2 year or more of education or equivalent experience in science, natural history, natural resource management, outdoor education, or other related field(s) plus experience working with children and youth in outdoor settings;
- Ability to pivot from planned activities in response to unexpected events or learning opportunities nature provides;
- Sensitivity to participants' life experiences and physical and emotional needs;
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions with a positive attitude;
- Ability to move around outdoors on uneven ground, sometimes up to five miles, climb over obstacles (rocks, downed trees), lift and carry heavy objects (up to 50 lbs, possible), and walk through shallow creeks while monitoring and assisting campers;
- CPR & 1st aid certification (OEA will cover the cost of training if required);
- Have reliable transportation for getting to remote areas around Yamhill County and occasionally further.

Additional Desired Qualifications (Not Required)

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification.
- Language proficiency or fluency in a language other than English.

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements

Summer camp programs take place at natural areas in Yamhill County. Programs are entirely outdoors. Work will consist of moving around the program sites on uneven terrain and walking through creeks. Camps take place in all but hazardous weather conditions (heat, rain, snow).

Work Schedule

Outdoor Science Educators will be expected to participate in a training day in mid June. Work weeks will be Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4pm each day; 40 hours per week. Campers will be onsite from 9:00am-3:00pm. Program schedule is subject to change. 2024 camp weeks are:

- June 24-28; July 8-12; July 22-26; Aug 5-9; Aug 19-23

Compensation Range

\$18.72-\$22.19 per hour

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to info@edoutdoors.org by March 31, 2024. Applications will be accepted after this date on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.

Questions: Please contact Theresa Crain at 503-857-7884 or by email info@edoutdoors.org. Visit our website, www.edoutdoors.org, to learn more about us.