

Nature Education Specialist

Wild Bear Nature Center seeks a Nature Education Specialist to lead Wild Bear's education team to develop and implement of Children's, Adult and Family nature education programs.

Start Date: 12/1/2018

20 hours/week

Pay commensurate with experience

Nature Education Specialist Goals

to increase participation in arts integrated nature programs by 25% per Wild Bear strategic plan

Wild Bear Programs:

~School age Children's programs when school is not in session

- After School
- Full Days
- Summer

~Bear Cubs Programs: 1.5 hour workshops for 1-3 days/ week for ages 3-5

~Kinder Nature: 3 hour afternoon programs for ages 5-6

~Outreach Programs: hands-on science, including Snow School and Arthropod Zoo for groups (public and private schools, homeschool families, scouts, seniors, etc)

~Adult and Family Workshops

Job Responsibilities

- Develop with education team program offerings for Children's Camps, Bear Cubs, Kinder Nature, Outreach and Adult and Family programs. Develop new programs as appropriate
- Lead Education Staff to plan and implement cutting edge models (inquiry based, age appropriate, arts integrated) for children's nature education programs
- Organize and enhance all educational materials, kits and guides to provide support to education staff.
- Familiarize and adopt Wild Bear behavioral management strategies and enhance strategies for "Teaching with Dignity" (Jim Fay)
- In collaboration with Operations Manager, hire staff and interns and recruit volunteers to appropriately implement school year and summer programs. Hiring decisions are coordinated with Executive Director and Education Administrator).
- Maintain (with Executive Director) budget within its limitations
- Develop and train staff to deliver formalized outreach programs to be delivered to schools and other groups
- Supervise, train and support all education staff and volunteers.
- Solicit/engage experts to enhance children's programs, considering overlap with adult/family workshops
- Develop and implement Adult and Family Workshop series throughout the year
- In collaboration with Operations Manager, market all programs at least 3 months in advance of program delivery through social media, newsletters, catalogs, posters, etc
- Develop, implement and analyze and apply results of evaluations of all programs
- Teach programs when necessary

Nature Education Specialist Profile

- Understand and apply Wild Bear's mission, vision and values to all activities
- Innately loves educating people of all ages
- Strong positive leader with positive, fun and energetic personality
- Proven track record developing and leading nature education to children
- High standard of excellence
- Creative and proven ability to integrate the arts and creative projects into nature programs
- Excellent organizational skills and follows up in a timely manner
- Excellent communication skills with staff and constituents
- Takes the ball and runs: self motivated with excellent follow through
- Ability to prioritize and manage time
- Models excellent teaching strategies and supports staff to become excellent educators
- Seeks out training to improve and enhance leadership in programs and program development
- Flexible and able to step into teaching when necessary
- "Can do" attitude, supporting team when necessary to work in the nature center (as opposed to education office), clean up, teach when necessary (if staff cannot cover programs)

Qualifications

Degree in the field of environmental education, art, biology, environmental studies or alternative applicable degree

At least 5 years in the field of developing and implementing environmental education

3 Positive References from supervisors in the field of education

Clean FBI background checks

Full review of www.wildbear.org

Application process

Send Cover Letter, Resume and 3 positive references to Jill Dreves, jill@wildbear.org

Please no phone calls

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