

Ventana Wildlife Society – Part-time Nature Instructor

Position Overview: Ventana Wildlife Society (VWS) is a non-profit in Monterey County, California. Our mission is to conserve native wildlife and their habitats through research, restoration, and education.

We focus on removing barriers to meaningful outdoor experiences including transportation, financial, cultural and language barriers. Our main programs include:

- Weekly youth and teen nature classes during the school year (ages 4-7 / 6-9 / 9-12 / 13-24)
- Week long summer day camps with one overnight camp out (ages 8-12)
- Three-hour Wee Ones in the Woods (ages 4-7)
- Presentations on the California condor for youth and adult groups
- Youth / family nature prescription programming and community building in East Salinas

Ideal candidates for this position have strong verbal skills; are passionate about sharing nature with others; familiar with various environmental education curriculum as well as best practices in environmental / outdoor / youth education; comfortable with online instruction as well as in-person instruction; able to be flexible with program hours and tasks.

We are seeking part-time instructors to provide meaningful nature experiences for youth and families. We are looking for instructors to commit between 8-24 hours per week.

Target Start Date: July 26, 2021

Compensation: \$14.00/hour (\$14.50 for bilingual English / Spanish). Additional \$2.00 / hour for commercial driver with passenger endorsement – assistance provided.

Job Duties include, but not limited to:

- Plan, lead and co-lead educational activities and lessons for youth.
- Strive to make sure students are enjoying their time and gaining meaningful experiences.
- Ensure participant safety, well-being, and comfort.
- Communicate and coordinate with parents, vendors, and partners.
- Participate in conflict resolution and discipline through positive behavioral management.
- Work towards best practices in environmental and outdoor education with youth.
- Submit program reports and attendance regularly, as well as incident reports and payroll.
- Assist with data entry and evaluation of program.

Qualifications:

- Maintain a satisfactory Live Scan fingerprint background check (State and Federal).
- Experience with presenting or instructing virtually and working with children.
- Work well as part of a cohesive teaching team (coworkers, participants, parents, and vendors).

Additional preferred skill sets:

- Bilingual English and Spanish.
- Previous work in cultural relevancy, equity in outdoor education, climate literacy.

Working Conditions: Programs will take place at various locations including public parks and partnering agencies and will occur mostly outdoors with possibility of limited indoor programming. Programs will be in line with local, county, state and federal health and safety recommendations and our Covid-19 plan.

Please send cover letter expressing interest and resume to: alenaporte@ventanaws.org

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