

Naturally Nurtured Nature Teacher Job description/application 2024

TITLE: Nature Preschool Assistant Teacher

REPORTS TO: Naturally Nurtured Nature Forest School Owner Dawn Willis

STATUS: Part-Time (15-30 hours per week) with additional hours during Summer Camp

SALARY RANGE: Starting at \$10.00 per hour, dependent on experience level

START DATE: February 2024

About Us

Naturally Nurtured Nature School was founded in 2020. Our school offers a play based learning environment in an outdoor setting surrounded by a hickory/oak forest. We focus on child-led unstructured nature play and exploration where imagination and wonder can thrive.

We provide a place for children to nurture discoveries in science, literacy, math and art. We utilize best practices in early childhood education, and practice in a place-based teaching environment. By using the Reggio Emilia approach we give children the choice and freedom in constructing their own learning.

As an outdoor program, students will learn how to navigate the world confidently, gain essential creative problem solving skills, and develop a deep and abiding connection to nature.

Naturally Nurtured Nature Camp is looking for an energetic, creative and experienced teacher to help lead Forest school students ages 2-5. Candidates for this position must love nature and teaching outdoors in all seasons and all types of weather. This is a part-time school-year position (September through May), with an option for summer camp hours and the possibility of becoming full-time. Teachers will provide direct supervision to 2-6 children in our pre-k and kindergarten class. A forest school teacher should create positive, nurturing relationships with our students, while building and maintaining cooperative relationships with parents and caregivers. They should also promote and support the potential of all students and facilitate peer-to-peer connections as part of the overall forest school experience.

Teacher candidates must possess a passion for teaching young minds and a strong desire to foster a connection between children and nature. They will assist in planning daily multi-sensory, play and nature-based, emergent and developmentally appropriate hands-on activities.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
 - Desire and ability to work with children of all ages
 - Demonstrates responsibility and dependability
 - Energetic, hardworking, mature, and able to relate well to children, parents, and other staff
 - Ability and willingness to fulfill responsibilities in accordance with program goals
 - Knowledge and skills in leadership, child development, crafts, games, songs, sports, etc.
 - Maintain professional attitude, appearance, and polite manners
 - Must maintain current CPR certification (or acquire it within 2 month of employment)
 - Must successfully pass a criminal background check
 - Be able to lift or carry objects up to 50 pounds
 - Required to sit, stand, or maintain physical activity for extended periods of time
 - Ability and willingness to help campers keep up with their belongings
 - Must be willing to change children's wet clothes, potty train and occasional diaper changes
- Responsible for organizing and maintaining the teaching supplies and toys at the polebarn

MUST NOT BE SCARED OF BUGS AND BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND HOT AND HUMID WEATHER!

To apply and/or learn more information about this position please click the "apply now" link on the homepage of the website, www.naturallynurturednature.com or contact Dawn Willis at (478) 538-3216.