

Job Description for Naturalist Position for Pilcher Park Nature Center

Description:

The naturalist position is part-time, but all year round. This position is in charge of leading programs, summer camps, and field trips that cover various nature and historical topics, which could be done independently or with other naturalists. Creating and implementing new ideas is important for this position as well. Flexibility and a willingness to work with others is key.

Duties:

- Work with children of all age ranges and adults
- Hike trails with students in all types of weather
- Create curriculum for new field trips, summer camps, programs
- Research history and nature topics for programs
- Must have demonstrated knowledge of plants, trees, and animals
- Represent the Nature Center for public relations
- Plan, organize, participate in all special events
- Design and install displays in the Nature Center
- Must be willing to work some weekends and potentially overnight programs
- Attend all Nature Center meetings
- Must be comfortable handling and talking about a variety of reptiles, amphibians, insects and other animals
- Perform other duties as assigned
- Must be prompt, responsible, friendly, works well with other teachers, parents of students, etc
- Customer service experience is key
- Spanish speaker is a plus

The position is part time; compensation is \$10 an hour

Must have experience with education in a formal and/or informal setting and have an appreciation for the idea of children learning through nature.

Must be comfortable with and able to hike for up to 4 hours a day with students outside in ALL weather conditions.

Must be willing to obtain certification in CPR/First Aid. Must be able to pass a background check.

Apply in person at Pilcher Park Nature Center 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, IL. Contact person is Katie Zaban email: kzaban@jolietpark.org or 815-741-7277

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