



Position Available:

**Nature Preschool Assistant**

**Status: Part time, temporary**

Application deadline: *Open until filled*

Come awaken your natural sense of wonder at Nature Preschool! Join us as we jump in puddles, make mud pies and study every part of a frog's life cycle through real-life hands-on experiences.

**Job Summary:** Chippewa Nature Center is in search of a Nature Preschool Assistant with a passion for supporting 4-year old children and their teaching team as they explore the natural world. Nature Preschool is a five star, play-based program which uses research-based curriculum practices to implement developmentally appropriate early childhood education with nature at its core. Nature Preschoolers and staff experience the ecosystems at Chippewa Nature Center through engaging lessons and enriching exploration.

**Objective:** To work alongside a teaching team to provide a premier early childhood environment which meets the developmental needs of the whole child, while initiating them into a lifelong, meaningful relationship with the natural world.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Assist with the health, safety, and welfare of all children in the group
2. Accompany classes during indoor and outdoor exploration experiences
3. Prepare snacks, activities, and materials with the support of the teaching team
4. Help with overall sanitation and tidiness of classroom and supplies
5. Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications**

1. Interest or experience in early childhood education
2. Interest or experience in nature-based/outdoor education
3. Strong communication skills
4. Reliable transportation
5. Able to lift up to 50 lbs
6. Able to hike over rugged terrain

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**Reports to:** Nature Preschool Director; Preschool Teachers

**Schedule:** Monday-Thursday; 8:45 am-4:15 pm

**Start date:** September 10, 2020

**End date:** May 13, 2020

**Compensation and Benefits:** \$10/hour, 20% discount on registered programs and in Nature Center Store

**Application procedure:** Send resume and cover letter to Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs at [jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org) or Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland, MI 48640. For additional information, please contact Madison Powell at 989-631-0830 or [mpowell@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:mpowell@chippewanaturecenter.org).

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**Overview:** CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization. Its mission is *to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences*. The 1,500-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC's facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center store; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and over 19 miles of nature trails. See [www.chippewanaturecenter.org](http://www.chippewanaturecenter.org) for more information.

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