



Position Available:

School Program Educator

Status: Part time (variable hour), Permanent

Application deadline: *Open until filled*

Posted: 11/12/21

Put your boots on and explore alongside students as they chase butterflies, catch frogs, and learn about the past through hands-on environmental education programs.

Job Summary: Join a team of creative, passionate professionals who work together to connect children with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. CNC is in search of Educators with a passion for sharing the natural world in relevant, engaging way with students in preschool through high school. Educators work as a team with other program staff delivering high quality, curriculum-aligned natural and cultural history programs. Educators work a fixed schedule from 2-4 days a week during spring and fall with on-call hours in winter and summer.

Objective: To provide high quality natural and cultural history programs to students during field trips and *CNC at Your School* programs.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Lead school programs focusing on natural and/or cultural history topics for PreK-12 audiences
- Prepare lesson plans for programs including gathering and preparing all necessary materials
- Maintain supplies and equipment for at least one of the school programs
- Complete appropriate reports (i.e., timesheets, incident reports)
- Attend training sessions and staff meetings
- Work a minimum of 2 days/week, 9 am-3 pm (4 days max) for the Fall and Spring seasons
- Assist with some weekend or evening programs throughout the year (i.e., special events)
- Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- Experience in environmental education, interpretation, outdoor recreation or related field
- Experience working with children in a group setting
- Ability to communicate with visitors of all ages
- Knowledge of basic interpretive/teaching techniques
- Knowledge of natural and/or cultural history
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the position (i.e., hike over rugged terrain and lift 50 pounds)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Certification in Project Wet, Project Wild and similar programs is encouraged

- Bachelor's degree in environmental education, interpretation, outdoor recreation, public history, education, or related field

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Schedule: 14-30 hours/week for approximately 26 weeks; on-call during off-season hours; Fall season is September-December; Spring season is March-May

Start Date: February 23, 2022

Compensation & Benefits: Starting at \$12/hr; CNC membership, 20% discount on registered programs and in Nature Center Store

Application procedure: Send cover letter and resume to Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs at jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org or 400 S Badour Road, Midland, MI 48640)

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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 1,200-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 for more information.

Equal Opportunity Employment: CNC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against employees or job applicants on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, height, weight, handicap or disability, veteran status or any other status or condition protected by applicable state or federal laws.