



Position Available:

**Interpretive Naturalist**

**Status:** Part-time, seasonal

**Posted:** Dec 3, 2018

**Applications deadline:** Feb 15, 2019

Join a team of passionate, professional naturalists who seek to help people make meaningful connections with the natural world. Through kayak trips, hikes, frog catching and more, our naturalists welcome people of all ages to connect with nature through hands-on, engaging experiences.

**Position Objective:** To provide high quality natural and cultural history programs to visitors at CNC as well as during outreach programs in the community.

**Duties & Responsibilities:**

- Develop and deliver public programs and experiences focusing on natural and/or cultural history topics for audiences of all ages
- Teach and assist with some camp, scout, and other youth-specific programs
- Assist with development and maintenance of a wide variety of self-guided interpretive resources
- Serve as the naturalist on duty in rotation with other program staff
- Assist with the care of live reptiles and amphibians
- Be an engaged member of the CNC team, attending staff meetings and trainings as required
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

- Degree or experience in environmental education, interpretation, outdoor recreation or related field
- Proficiency in outdoor recreation skills related to environmental interpretation (canoeing, kayaking, hiking)
- 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
- Certification in Project Wet, Project Wild and similar programs is encouraged
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the position (i.e., hike over rugged terrain and lift 50 pounds)
- Ability to work varied hours, including weekends, evenings and holidays (schedule will be tentatively set at the beginning of the season)
- Certification in CPR and basic first aid (or ability to become certified)

**Status:** Part-time seasonal (30 hours/week for 12 weeks)

**Start Date:** Late May/early June

**Salary & benefits:** \$10.50/hr; CNC membership, 20% discount on registered programs and in Nature Center Store

**Application procedure:** Send resume and cover letter to Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs, [jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org](mailto:jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org) or 400 S Badour Rd, Midland, MI 48640

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**Overview:** Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) is a non-profit organization that works 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 an Ecosystem Gallery, public spaces and classrooms; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex (sugarhouse, cabin, schoolhouse); Nature Preschool; an arboretum and 19 miles of trails.