

Position Announcement Seasonal Summer Camp Educator

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We are based in Corvallis, Oregon and work in surrounding communities of Benton and Linn Counties. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with local school districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE. The food grown at SAGE is donated to those in need through our social service partner agencies. The Corvallis Environmental Center is committed to being an inclusive organization.

About the position

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is seeking Summer Camp Educators to work as part of our education team, providing nature-based education in a day camp setting for K-5th grade participants. Educators lead lessons, activities, and games focused on ecology, science, gardening, nature connection, skill building, and more. They provide a safe experience for campers in a variety of outdoor settings including parks and natural areas around Corvallis. Our programs include nature, garden, and bike camps. Bike camps typically involve biking a distance of 2-10 miles per day depending on ability and interest of the group.

Employment Type: Full-time and part-time summer seasonal positions

Pay Range: \$16.00-17.00/hour DOE

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Length of employment: mid-June through September 1st, 2023

Summer Schedule: Monday - Friday, schedules vary depending on position

Job Responsibilities

- Lead daily camp activities focused on nature or garden education for children in grades K-5, promoting a positive and inclusive learning environment
- Ensure the physical and emotional safety of all participants with strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in addition to standard safety protocols
- Provide professional and timely communication with parents
- Communicate concerns, questions, and ideas regularly with the summer camp leaders and camp team
- Prepare daily lesson materials

- Assist in the mentoring of program interns
- Provide first aid to campers as needed
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Demonstrates a commitment to equity and creating a positive, inclusive work environment
- At least 1-year combined experience leading groups of children in activities and lessons with an inclusive lens that meets the needs of all campers
- Interest and/or experience in facilitating connections between children and the outdoors
- Knowledge of environmental education practices, environmental sciences, natural resources, gardening, or related fields.
- Self-motivated, hardworking, professional, and dependable; ability to work independently, in a team, and in a support role
- Well organized and detail-oriented
- First Aid/CPR certified by camp start date
- Comfortable leading groups by bike
- Access to reliable transportation
- Be physically able to lift and carry fifty (50) pounds, be able to hike and bike extended distances, stand for long periods of time, and move around quickly as needed
- Covid vaccine required by time of employment

Application Instructions

- Please send a resume and cover letter to our summer camp staff at programs@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org
- These positions are open until filled.
- Application materials must be emailed to the address above, not sent through Indeed, Facebook, or other sites.