



Position Announcement: *Seasonal Part-time School Program Educator*

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As an Educator, you will guide students from throughout the region as they crunch through the fallen leaves, catch frogs at the pond, or discover food-chains happening right before their eyes. Our team of educators welcomes thousands of students from preschool through high school to amazing programs that put science and social studies in the context of nature.

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.

Position 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 (5 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

Qualifications:

- Degree or 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
- 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)

Status: Part-time seasonal (12-30 hours/week for 26 weeks); Fall season Sept-mid-December; Spring season March-May

Salary & benefits: Starting at \$10.25/hr; CNC membership, 20% discount in Nature Center Store

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

Deadline: July 27, 2018