



PART-TIME EDUCATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

SAN ELIJO LAGOON CONSERVANCY is seeking part-time educators to lead students on guided walks in the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. The Conservancy's mission is to protect and restore the resources of the reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems. The education program provides opportunities for students in grades K-5 to engage in inquiry-based science discovery using the outdoors as the classroom. The majority of the students are in grades 3-5. You are encouraged to apply if you have experience working with children, are familiar with Next Generation Science Standards, and enjoy inspiring others to be curious about the natural world.

Program Description

Programs are grounded in inquiry-based learning, with different themes depending on the grade. Group sizes range from 10-12 per educator with support from a teacher/parent chaperone, and depending on availability, accompanied by a volunteer naturalist.

Program themes include:

- Exploring Habitats (Grade K-3)
- Kumeyaay (Grades 3-5)
- Plant and Animal Adaptations (Grade 4)
- Weathering and Erosion (Grade 4)
- Food Chains and Webs (Grade 5)
- Watersheds and Water Resources (Grade 5)

Skills and Qualifications

- Degree in biology, environmental science, education, or related field experience leading outdoor education programs for youth and adults
- Demonstrated experience in formal, inquiry-based teaching desirable
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Ability to keep accurate records and submit reports and paperwork in a timely manner
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to be flexible in both teaching style and schedule
- Willingness to facilitate learning through discussion
- Ability to establish connection with students from diverse backgrounds
- Familiar with Next Generation Science Standards

Other Job Requirements

- Be available to lead on average three programs/week between 8:30 am – Noon
- Attend educator trainings (approximately once per month, in addition to August training)
- Ensure program goals and objectives are being met
- Work collaboratively with education team in program development and implementation
- Assist with program evaluation
- Be motivated to practice, improve, and incorporate feedback
- Able to hike a minimum of 3 miles on uneven narrow trails with elevation gain
- Conduct programming outdoors in any type of weather
- Uniform/dress code required
- Must be able to pass a background check and TB test

Non-essential functions

- Other duties as may be assigned

Start Dates

- Education Trainings (15-20 hours) are scheduled for mid-August 2018
- Program begins September 2018

Hours: Mornings, 3 days/week August 2018- June 2019

Compensation: Hourly rate \$14/hour. Temporary/Seasonal

To Apply: Please submit cover letter, resume, and professional reference to Tara Fuad, Education Director at education@sanelijo.org by **July 27, 2018**. Please include “Part-Time Educator” in subject line. No phone calls please.