

Position Description

Environmental Education Department Part Time Environmental Educator



Reports to: Director of Education & Outreach
Hours/Week: 24 FLSA: Non-Exempt

The Hudson River Park Trust (the Trust) seeks a Part Time Environmental Educator to support the Trust's mission of protecting and managing the Hudson River Estuarine Sanctuary and improving awareness and understanding of the Hudson River through education and outreach. This position is an excellent opportunity for those interested in building awareness and an understanding about our waterways with urban environmental science and outreach. Selected staff will gain a greater understanding for NYC's natural resources, environmental education and research projects along the Hudson River.

Background:

The Trust is a public benefit corporation created by act of the New York State Legislature and a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The mission of the Trust is to design, construct and maintain a prominent, and very heavily used, 4 mile long waterfront park on the west side of Manhattan. The Park includes landscaped public piers and display gardens, lawn areas, ecological planting zones, athletic fields, esplanades, docks, public sculptures and other special features. The Trust covers its \$27 million annual operating budget through parking revenue, rents from commercial facilities, permits, fees, grants, donations generated by a "Friends" organization and other private sources. The Park accommodates approximately 17 million visits by the public each year.

The Part Time Environmental Educator's time will be largely spent providing high quality hands-on environmental education experiences to students and park patrons. Each year, Hudson River Park educators serve tens of thousands of New Yorkers with the implementation of our robust environmental education programming throughout the year. The Educator will gain familiarity with park stewardship and support citizen science projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris and composting. Time will also be spent supporting the training and mentoring of seasonal educators and interns.

Responsibilities/Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Facilitate the Trust's environmental education programs, including school and camp field trips, community education programs and public drop-in programs
- Mentor seasonal staff and high school interns and provide guidance in the field
- Monitor and maintain fish tanks, filtration equipment and aquaria signage to provide proper care and husbandry to fish and other animals in tanks
- Support the administration of education programs including scheduling and permitting groups attending a program as needed
- Provide feedback on the effectiveness and quality of programs and assist in the continuing development of program curricula, the development of new programs, and other department initiatives

- Support park field scientists to assist students and members of the public conducting scientific monitoring and stewardship projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris or composting
- Develop STEM resources to be used in programming
- Learn catch and release fishing and how to handle live fish and bait
- Otherwise assist department with tasks as needed

Required Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in education, environmental science, biology or a related field
- Experience in education or environmental education is required
- Leadership and mentorship experience is preferred
- Strong interest teaching environmental themes in an urban environment is necessary
- Comfort interacting with members of the public in a professional manner
- Must be able to work as a part of a team, multitask and problem solve
- Strong public speaking and communication skills required
- Ability to follow through on several tasks with time sensitive deadlines
- Willingness to get muddy, interact with the River, practice catch and release fishing, and handle live animals are required
- Familiarity with both Hudson River or estuarine systems is preferred
- Ability to lift around 50 pounds, work outside in all weather conditions and occasionally work on weekends is required
- A valid driver's license is required
- Must be comfortable riding a bicycle, sometimes in crowded conditions

Compensation/Benefits:

- \$18.00 per hour, there are no benefits associated with this position
- This position starts in April 2018
- The Part Time Environmental Educator will work approximately 24 hours per week, year round (typically organized as 3-4 days of work per week.) To meet our programming needs, Educators must have some morning/daytime availability. Educators must be available to work occasional weekends and some evenings with advanced notice.

Application Process:

Interested applicants are to submit a cover letter and resume to Kate Yarhouse, Director of Human Resources at resumes@hrpt.ny.gov. **Indicate Job Code: PTEE in the subject line of the email.**

No phone calls please.

More information on the Hudson River Park is available at:
www.hudsonriverpark.org

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