

Position Description

Estuary Lab Environmental Educator (Part Time)



Reports to: Director of Education & Outreach

Uniformed: Semi (uniformed shirts)

Hours/Week: 23

Start Date & Term: May 2019, year-round position

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 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. Also located within the Park are several commercial facilities, including the Pier 40 parking garage, Pier 57 development site, Circle Line excursion piers and Chelsea Piers. The Trust covers its \$25 million annual operating budget through rents, permits, fees, grants, donations and other private sources. Approximately 75% of the Park has been constructed with a mix of State, City and Federal capital funding, with most of the remaining unbuilt park in design and/or construction. Total investment in all facilities within the Park is approximately \$600 million.

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Environmental Educators provide high quality hands-on environmental education experiences to students and park patrons. Each year, Hudson River Park's Estuary Lab serves tens of thousands of New Yorkers with the implementation of our robust year-round environmental education programming. The Educator will also support park research and monitoring projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris, eDNA and fish population dynamics. Environmental Educators also provide mentorship and guidance to seasonal staff and high school interns. A successful candidate will have prior experience educating in an informal or formal setting, knowledge of environmental/marine science, a great work ethic and enjoy working outdoors. We are looking for team players who want to gain experience in the environmental field and provide impactful educational experiences to diverse communities.

Specific Tasks & Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Environmental Education:

- Teach HRPK's environmental education programs to school and summer camp groups at outdoor locations throughout the Park
- Facilitate HRPK's public drop-in programs at outdoor locations throughout the Park, including Big City Fishing, Shell-ebrate Oysters, Roving River and more
- Mentor seasonal staff and high school interns and provide guidance in the field
- Learn catch and release fishing and how to handle live fish and bait
- Develop educational resources to be used in programming and maintain various department resources, such as fishing poles and power tools

Wildlife Care:

- Monitor and maintain fish tanks, filtration equipment and aquaria signage
- Provide proper care and husbandry to fish, plants and other animals in tanks

Park Research:

- Support park field scientists conducting research focused on oyster restoration, eDNA and marine debris
- Facilitate monitoring projects with students and members of the public to collect

accurate scientific data

Education & Experience Requirements:

- Complete Bachelor's Degree in education, environmental science, biology or related field
- Experience in education or environmental education is required
- Leadership and mentorship experience is preferred
- Interest teaching environmental themes in an urban environment is required
- Comfort interacting with members of the public in a professional manner
- Strong public speaking and communication skills required
- Ability to follow through on several tasks with time sensitive deadlines
- Familiarity with both Hudson River or estuarine systems is preferred

Special Requirements:

- Ability to work as a part of a team, multitask and problem solve
- Willingness to practice catch and release fishing and handle live animals required
- Candidates should have an interest in learning and acquiring new skills
- Familiarity with Hudson River Park and general NYC geography are preferred
- Ability to lift approx. 50 pounds, work outside in all weather conditions and on weekends (with notice) is required
- A valid driver's license is required

Compensation & Schedule:

- \$18.00 per hour
- Start date somewhat flexible, May 2019
- The Part Time Environmental Educator will work approximately 23 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 resume and cover letter to the Director of Education at resumes@hrpt.ny.gov. **Indicate Job Code: "2019 PT Environmental Educator" in the subject line.**

No phone calls please.

More information on the Hudson River Park is available at:

www.hudsonriverpark.org

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