

## Position Description

### Seasonal Environmental Educator



**Reports to:** Division Head

**Uniformed:** Semi (uniformed shirts)

**Hours/Week:** 30-35

**Start Date & Term:** Seasonal, 10 weeks + optional September extension

**\* Position and start date are subject to change and cancellation due to the uncertainty of our current public health concerns with Covid-19.**

#### ***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 construct, maintain and operate a prominent, and very heavily used, four mile long waterfront park on the west side of Manhattan. The Park features landscaped public piers and display gardens, lawn areas, ecological planting zones, athletic fields, esplanades, docks, public sculptures and other special features. There are, in addition, commercial use and Park maintenance structures including concessions, rental buildings and the 15.4 acre, Pier 40 which houses a large parking garage and the administrative and operating headquarters of the Trust. The Trust covers its \$28+ million annual operating budget through parking revenue, rents from commercial facilities, permits, fees, grants, donations generated by a "Friends" organization and other private sources. Currently, the Trust is in design and/or construction and is on its way towards completing all the public space in the park. This has been accomplished with a mix of State, City, Federal and private funding.

#### ***Job Description:***

Seasonal Environmental Educators provide high quality hands-on environmental education experiences to students and park patrons. Each year, Hudson River Park's educators serve tens of thousands of New Yorkers with the implementation of our robust environmental education programming during the summer season. In addition, educators support park research and monitoring projects focused on oyster restoration, marine debris, eDNA and fish population dynamics. A successful candidate will have prior experience working with children and/or prior knowledge of environmental/marine science, have 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 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
- 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 kids crafts

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:***

- Applicants must have completed at least two years towards a Bachelor's or an Associate's Degree
- Coursework focused on marine, environmental science, or education is preferred
- Strong interest in teaching diverse audiences a variety of environmental themes is required
- Applicants must be comfortable interacting with members of the public in a friendly and professional manner

***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 (Sunday-Thursday schedule with occasional Saturdays) is required
- A valid driver's license is required

***Compensation & Schedule:***

- \$17.00 per hour
- 10 week seasonal position, from 6/22 to 8/24 with optional September extension
- Educators are expected to work 30-35 hours per week, including weekends
- Mandatory Orientation 6/22–25 & 6/29–7/2 (approx. 930am-4pm)
- Standard work week Sunday to Thursday: Sundays (10-630); Mondays (10-6); Tuesdays (930-4); Wednesdays (930-4); Thursdays (930-6)
- 2 Saturday work dates: 1 in July & 1 in August; dates to be announced
- September extension work dates: September 13, 20 & 26; additional dates to be announced

***Application Process:***

Interested applicants are to submit a resume and cover letter to the Human Resources Office at [resumes@hrpt.ny.gov](mailto:resumes@hrpt.ny.gov). **Indicate Job Code: SEASONAL ENVIRO EDU 2020 in the subject line of the email.**

No phone calls please.

**More information on the Hudson River Park is available at:**  
[www.hudsonriverpark.org](http://www.hudsonriverpark.org)

**The Hudson River Park Trust is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

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