



PART-TIME YOUTH EDUCATOR/NATURALIST

Part-time, per diem position. Reporting to the School Programs Coordinator and Youth Programs Manager.

Position Summary

The Youth Educator/Naturalist position is for a dynamic and energetic individual, with proven experience in nature based youth education. Educators are responsible for delivering environmental education based programming to children in pre-K through 5th grades in small group settings. Youth programming at Tyler includes school field trips, school and library outreach programs, scout badge programs, and children's eco-birthday parties. There are also opportunities for teaching family/adult programs.

Availability

Position is part-time, per diem. Programs are offered year-round and hours vary seasonally. Programs are 1-3 hours in length and often fall between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Outreach programs sometimes fall outside of these hours. Heaviest concentration is in fall and spring. Educators are expected to work at least 3 days per week during this time, and availability for some evening and weekend programs is required (generally 3 weekend days per month). Educators are expected to attend training sessions and regular staff meetings. The occasional weekend event/festival is required.

Compensation

\$11.00 - \$13.00/hour, commensurate with experience.

Duties/Responsibilities

- Share Tyler's rich heritage, collections and landscape to inspire and engage stewards of the natural world.
- Lead a variety of environmental based programming to youth of varied ages (topics include interpretive walks/hikes, invertebrates, birds, aquatic habitats, soils, etc.).
- Learn Tyler's environmental education curriculum and implement the purpose, goals, and objectives of each program (training is provided).
- Set up and prepare for group arrival; clean up and put away equipment and supplies used for programs.
- Care for Tyler's education supplies and communicating with program manager when supplies are low or need to be replaced.
- Know and understand emergency procedures associated with the organization.

Essential Requirements

- Ability to teach and lead environmental based programming.
- Willingness to be flexible in scheduling and work additional hours during the busy season.
- Desire to learn and grow as an environmental educator.
- Ability to receive and implement constructive feedback.

- At least 1 year of work/volunteer experience in education/youth development related to one or more of the following topics: outdoor activities, environmental studies, youth development, or other related topic.
- Demonstrated success at teaching outdoor activities to children; teaching experience in an outdoor setting is preferred.
- Excellent character, integrity, and adaptability.
- Ability to communicate and work with a variety of age and skill levels.
- Enthusiasm for the natural world, sense of humor, patience, and self-control.
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Once offered a position, you must satisfactorily complete the required background checks.
- First aid and CPR certification required (or willing to train).

(Note: Tyler has the right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.)

Work Environment

- General work on the Arboretum's grounds.
- Requires frequent and prolonged standing, walking, bending, kneeling, pulling, twisting and climbing.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.

About Tyler

Tyler Arboretum, a public garden in the Philadelphia suburbs, covers 650 acres of renowned plant collections, champion trees, and historic buildings, with 17 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Tyler offers workshops, classes, and tours for adults and children throughout the year.

To Apply

Please e-mail your cover letter and résumé to Liz Hornbach, Youth Programs Manager LHornbach@tylerarboretum.org. Applications will be accepted with a rolling deadline until position is filled.

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