

Forest Preschool Lead Educator Job Description

Summary: White Pine Programs, a non-profit located in York Maine seeks highly motivated and qualified candidates to work as a lead educator in our forest preschool program. The ideal candidate will have extensive early-childhood education experience, and has worked in a variety of settings and programs. Excellent communication skills, the ability to work in a collaborative environment, and a love for working with young children in the outdoors is critical to the position. This position reports to the Director of Program Operations.

Qualifications:

- A degree in early-childhood education or equal professional experience.
- Current (or willing to obtain): Wilderness First Aid & CPR certifications.
- Experience working with children age 4-6 years old in an all outdoor setting
- Capable of physical labor in an outdoor setting.
- Able to carry 40lbs over moderate distances on uneven terrain.
- Prior work as a lead preschool teacher required.
- Previous work with 8 Shields mentoring model preferred.
- Wilderness skills and Naturalist training preferred.
- Minimum age of 21 years old.

Expectations

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- Work directly with the Program Manager to ensure that programs are delivered at a high level, with a focus on developmentally appropriate activities for preschool- aged children.
- Comfortable working in a collaborative education setting.
- Model professional behavior for staff, volunteers, and program participants.
- Help maintain program properties including infrastructure, gear, program materials, and bathroom facilities.

Administrative & Preparatory Work

- Assist with program design and curriculum planning.
- Attend mandatory staff training prior to the start of the program year.
- Lesson planning experience and curriculum development experience is required.
- Communicate with forest preschool families during drop off, pick up and as needed during the program day.
- Give and receive appropriate, clear, timely feedback to staff, volunteers and supervisors.
- Communicate clearly and consistently with the Program Manager, Assistant Program Director and Director of Program Operations.

Safety

- Assist with traffic and parking at program location.
- Model and follow all WPP safety protocols.
- Ensure staff and volunteers adhere to WPP safety policies and protocols.

Compensation:

- To be discussed.

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