



Now Hiring: Part-time Assistant Teacher

Job description:

Rock Hollow Woods Environmental Learning Center (RHWELC) seeks creative, enthusiastic part-time assistant teachers. This position offers a unique opportunity to provide nature-based education for children ages 4 - 12 while supporting their academic, social, & emotional growth. Working with a team of teachers, the assistant teacher will help create an environment where children are challenged & inspired for the future. The successful candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the developmental needs of children ages 4 - 12 including academic skills, imaginative play, gross motor movement, & cultivating a deep connection to nature & the arts.

The ideal candidate will:

- Be passionate about educating children in nature.
- Be self-motivated & self-directed with the flexibility to work independently & collaboratively as part of a team.
- Have strong leadership abilities & excellent interpersonal, organizational, & time-management skills.
- Be a skilled communicator, guided by a desire to listen to & speak compassionately with both children & adults.
- Feel comfortable & confident about meeting the needs of children outdoors in all seasons.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience teaching or engaging with a group of children 4-year-olds or older preferred
- Must pass background check & provide child abuse clearances before starting employment
- Bachelor's degree or certification in education is a major plus but not required
- Foreign language, art, &/or music education experience a plus

Physical Requirements:

Regularly sit, turn, bend, reach, stand, walk, hike, talk, hear, & interact with students and others. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be able & willing to spend most of the school day outside in all kinds of weather conditions.

The teacher's primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assist stations/activities for visiting field trips from public/private schools & organizations.
- Assist programs such as Nature Pre-K, After-school Nature Club, Homeschool Happenings, & more.
- Work with the teaching team to implement an engaging, developmentally appropriate program to meet social, emotional, cognitive, & physical needs of 4 - 12 year old children drawing on a variety of educational philosophies.
- Supervise students ages 4 - 12 in various settings including the classrooms and outdoors.
- Assist with nature-based activities that will integrate science, math, literacy, & the arts while encouraging cooperative learning & social skills.
- Work with teaching team to:
 - Observe & assist children in inquiry-based learning
 - Provide positive guidance to children in navigating their social interactions with peers & adults.
 - Maintain strong interpersonal communication skills with students, parents, & colleagues.
- Attend staff meetings, professional development, & training sessions as requested.
- Willingness to participate in appropriate professional development &/or training.
- Participate in open houses and community events to promote the center.

*Interested candidates please send a resume, cover letter describing how & why the candidate is qualified & well-suited for the position, & two references to: info@rockhollowwoods.org

*Please visit our website at rockhollowwoods.org for more information.

About Rock Hollow Woods ELC:

Rock Hollow Woods ELC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was proudly formed in 2012 by a group of dedicated educators. We are a unique 67-acre learning center whose mission is to provide children with outdoor opportunities to discover & learn about the natural world & empower them to protect their environment.

Woodlands, meandering streams, lush meadows, wetlands, & a secluded natural cathedral of pine trees offer the perfect laboratory for inspiring children & adults to explore wildlife & natural habitats.

Programs & summer camps are run by **certified** educators & provide authentic hands-on experiences in nature. With **low child-to-teacher ratios**, every effort is made to ensure that all who attend Rock Hollow Woods have enjoyable experiences & leave with cherished memories that last a lifetime.

Getting outside is imperative to physical & mental health. At Rock Hollow Woods, children & adults combat “nature deficit disorder” by learning to find the balance between technology & nature through experiences that breed curiosity & foster creativity.

Popular programs that run September through May include Toddler Time on the Trail, Nature Pre-K, Homeschool Happenings, & After-school Nature Clubs. Seasonal events & field trips are also offered throughout the year. Summer at Rock Hollow Woods is very busy with day camps for toddlers, K through First Graders, & Second through Seventh Graders.

Come experience the magic of Rock Hollow Woods & nurture your nature!