



Employment Opportunity The San Diego River Park Foundation Education Associate

The San Diego River Park Foundation is looking for a driven, dynamic and engaging person to join our team as an educator for our hands-on, outdoor education program. The Education Associate is a part-time position. The San Diego River Park Foundation is dedicated to creating a better future for the San Diego River through stewardship, education, and inspiring love of nature.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Education Associate will assist in leading the River Park Foundation's education program events, both in person and virtual, which seek to engage youth in the community in learning about and experiencing the San Diego River. Cool River Program education program serves youth in grades K-12, with a focus on grades 3-8. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Play a role in cultivating and retaining relationships with teachers, parents, and youth group leaders
- Prepare for and host regular calendar of education events, both in-person field experiences along the River and as needed, virtual classes
- Be responsible for safety and logistics of education events
- Support engagement team to plan and implement special educational events
- Learn existing curriculum, and participate in testing and adapting of new lesson plans
- Assist in keeping education materials inventory in stock and in good condition
- Help support and retain education interns and education volunteers throughout the year
- Attend or help coordinate attendance at community education events, fairs, festivals
- Data collection and analysis for program evaluation
- Keep accurate and up-to-date records to document program impact

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

A qualified candidate will have the following:

- Commitment to and passion for the mission of the organization
- At least one year experience working with youth (especially ages 5-13) in a camp, classroom, or similar setting, experience working with variety of different age groups is a plus
- Some experience in a leadership position or primary educator position for a youth program required
- Degree or other background in education, ecology, environmental science, entomology, natural history, or related field
- High level of comfort working outdoors, cheerful and adaptable problem-solver
- Familiarity with Next Generation Science Standards is a plus
- Ability to travel to and from sites along the River, and to transport field trip materials in personal vehicle (mileage reimbursement available)
- Good driving record (must pass DMV background check)

- Must be able to pass background check required by school district
- Ability and passion for working outdoors in any type of weather
- Ability to lift 30+ pounds
- Ability to walk 1-4 miles on uneven terrain with elevation gain
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Willingness to be flexible in teaching style and schedule
- Strong public speaking skills
- Professional demeanor, positive, outgoing and friendly personality
- Proficiency in Excel, Word, Outlook and PowerPoint
- Spanish speaking or other languages helpful

This job description is intended as a guide to the general job responsibilities and is not inclusive of every duty the employee may be expected to perform. The San Diego River Park Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Reporting: This position reports to the Education Manager.

Hours: 20 hours per week, may include some weekends and evenings.

Compensation: \$17.50 per hour

plus paid sick leave, vacation leave (PTO), 401k with employer match

Start Date: Immediately

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