

Summer Naturalist Position Description

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center is a day use nature center that seeks qualified applicants for part-time or full-time naturalist positions to teach field trip programs and summer camp programs June – August.

Time Commitment:

Interested **full-time** applicants must be available to teach programs 40 hours a week, from 8:15 am to 4:15 pm Monday-Friday, with occasional overnight trips (training provided).

Interested **part-time** applicants must be available to teach programs approximately 20-25 hours a week, from 8:30am-1pm and/or 12-4:30pm Monday-Friday, with occasional evening and/or weekend program options. Availability for a full day on Fridays preferred.

Interested candidates should be available the entire summer season, from June 6 through August 31. Extension for employment for fall and winter may be an option with less consistent hours, depending on performance and scheduling needs.

Responsibilities:

The primary responsibility of this position is the planning and delivery of inquiry-based, experiential nature studies programs for summer camp, daycares, scout groups and other organized youth groups. Naturalists work with the Nature Center's other education professionals to plan and conduct programming for summer camp, weekend and evening programs, trips and overnights. Examples of program offerings can be viewed on our website www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org.

Qualifications:

- BA or BS in environmental education, education, natural science or closely related field.
- Experience working with school age (and/or pre-school age) children in formal and/or non-formal education settings.
- Respect, concern and excitement for the natural environment and a demonstrated ability to share that excitement with others.
- Knowledge of regional flora and fauna.
- Spanish language skills preferred, but not required.
- Standard First Aid and Adult/Child CPR and AED certifications preferred. (ALNC will provide this mandatory training in June if not currently certified).

Position Requirements:

- Ability to commit to available time periods for the duration of the summer as listed above.
- Computer proficiency (ALNC uses Microsoft Office, projectors, iPads, Google Drive and email).

Personal Qualities:

The successful candidate must be able to manage their schedule and work well in a team environment with other staff. Flexibility, initiative, the ability to problem solve, and a sense of humor a must.

Compensation:

Pay is determined at the time of hire and is dependent upon background and experience. Starting pay is \$12/hour.

"Teach the student to see the land, to understand what he sees, and enjoy what he understands." – Aldo Leopold



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Email applications are encouraged at education@aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org. Please email or call 608-216-9372 with any questions.

Application materials are accepted until May 20, 2018. The anticipated start date for the position is June 6th.