

Spring & Summer Naturalist Position Description

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center seeks qualified applicants for several naturalist positions to teach spring school-year field trip programs (mid-April-early June) and summer camp programs (June-August). Extension for employment for fall may be an option.

Time Commitment:

Spring (April-early June) programs run primarily from 8:30am-3:00pm Monday-Friday, with occasional late afternoon, evening and/or weekend program options. Exact start date will depend on school field trip bookings, but we will likely conduct training in early April and start date would be mid-late April. Start time and hours are flexible. Applicants can apply for spring position only, summer position only or both (preferred). Please indicate availability and preference in cover letter.

Those candidates interested in summer camp option (early June-late August) must be available to teach summer camp programs from 9am-12pm and/or 1-4pm Monday-Friday. Candidates must be available Monday-Friday mornings and/or Monday-Friday afternoons from early June-late August, with occasional evening and weekend hours.

Responsibilities:

The primary responsibility of this position is the planning and delivery of inquiry-based, experiential nature studies programs for school and after-school program groups as well as summer camps and other youth groups. Additionally, naturalists work with the Nature Center's other education professionals to plan and conduct programming for preschool and scout groups, home school students, weekend and evening programs for the general public, birthday programs, overnights and special events. An extension for the fall season may be possible. Examples and types of school year program and summer camp 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 preschool age) children in both formal and 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 preferred

Position Requirements:

- Ability to commit to available time periods for the duration of the spring/summer as indicated above
- Aldo Leopold Nature Center operates two sites: Monona, WI and Black Earth, WI. Candidates must be willing to travel and teach at either location
- Those candidates interested in summer camp extension must be available on June 10, 11 & 12, 2014 for staff training (exception can be made for teachers licensed in state of WI).

Personal Qualities:

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

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



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Compensation:

Pay is determined at the time of hire and is dependent upon background and experience. Naturalists are paid per program taught. Starting pay is \$26 per 1.5 hour program and increased accordingly for longer programs.

To Apply:

Send cover letter, resume and list of 3 references to:

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Email applications are encouraged at education@naturenet.com.

Application materials are accepted until March 1, 2015. The anticipated start date for the position is mid-late April.