

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

rural Putnam County NY

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR for the '08/09 school year and summer '09 camp programs. Position begins August 18th. 2008.

We are a non-residential environmental education program operated by P/NW BOCES which serves some 35,000 students in 36 school districts. During the school year instruction takes place Monday - Friday, at our nature center, local schools, or other outreach sites. During the summer there are four, one-week camp programs coordinated and run by our instructional staff. They include: two sessions of *Young Scientist Outdoor Exploration Camps*, *Adventure Week* and *Wild about Wildlife*.

Following is a small sampling of our program offerings:

- ecosystem studies: pond ecology, forest ecology, marine ecosystems and tropical rainforest,
- sustainability programs: ecological footprint and sustainable food and energy systems,
- wildlife: wildlife CSI, Turtle, Frogs & Snakes, Birds of Prey and Owl pellets,
- team building programs: challenge course and orienteering,
- history programs: Native American, colonial living skills and cemetery,
- unique programs such as our monster storms and climate change program, the Earth Portable Classroom and our collaborative predator program with a local wolf center.

In addition to full-time teaching, the person in this position is responsible for the development of exhibits in the nature center and a yearly exhibit room, maintaining and developing program material, animal care, working with a limited number of overnights for additional pay, caretaking duties as well as rotating weekend facility security duty. We are looking for a creative and motivated individual with an undergraduate degree in the environmental field, two years of teaching experience in a nature center or residential center setting, a strong background in wildlife, experience with birds of prey and an understanding of sustainable systems and education for sustainability. Individual should be able to work independently and with a small staff.

Summer camp responsibilities include: marketing, administrative work, supervising camp staff, developing program material, procuring program supplies, and co-directing 4 weeks of camp.

Salary: \$75/day for the school year plus a great salary package for the summer camp program. Other Perks: stipend for additional duties, studio apartment with on-site laundry and many other amenities and an excellent health benefits package.

For more information about the program see www.pnwboces.org/environmental

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