

Ohio River Foundation

Employment Opportunity

Education and Restoration Specialist

Part-Time

Position in Cincinnati

Do you dream of a job that is outdoors and based in some of the most beautiful parks and green spaces in the greater Cincinnati area? Do you enjoy working with kids and inspiring them to make a connection with nature and science? Would you like to travel to schools presenting programs with live, freshwater mussels or take kids knee-deep into local streams, creeks, and rivers to explore river ecology and chemistry? Do you want to get your hands dirty and help make a real difference in our watershed by participating in restoration projects such as invasive species removal and native plantings? If so, consider joining our team!

Ohio River Foundation, a regional conservation non-profit organization, is seeking a part-time regular position to support our Education and Restoration efforts. The ideal candidate is creative, enthusiastic, and hardworking, with a strong interest in environmental education, working with children, and habitat restoration via the removal of invasive plant species and planting native plant species. We need fun-loving, dependable, employees who don't mind all kinds of weather, rain or shine, hot or cold.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the education team to conduct field trips and in-classroom programs for grades K-12. Activities and topics include: biodiversity, life cycles and food webs, earth science, wildlife observation, biological sampling, water quality testing, ecosystem and watershed concepts, and safety review
- Manage and maintain educational and scientific equipment
- Teacher communication
- Assist with program development
- Restoration project assistance and coordination including invasive species removal, native species planting, and working with and communicating with volunteers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- College coursework in biology, ecology, or related field
- Education coursework or experience with children in an education setting preferred
- Understanding of or willingness to learn various conservation practices.
- Strong communication skills desired; ability to work independently, self-directed, and as a team member
- Ability to make decisions quickly and independently and shift schedules and priorities to meet changing conditions.

- Ability to communicate in a professional, accurate, and enthusiastic manner.
- This position requires lifting and carrying equipment (up to 50 lbs.).
- Physical demands and work environment regularly require work outdoors in wooded areas, waterways, and uneven natural paths.
- Physically able to work long days outside in inclement weather, and hike on and off trail.
- Work in a variety of weather conditions such as temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, high winds, intense sunshine, rain, and snow.
- Ability to perform the essential duties of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.
- Valid Driver's License and reliable personal transportation

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Pay rate: \$16-20/hour
- Year-round hours
- Mileage reimbursement
- Work alongside a team of passionate educators and conservationists committed to making positive environmental change in our community.
- Training and continuing education in the field of Environmental Education and Watershed Conservation.

The position is part-time year-round with an average being 15-30 hours per week based on the season and project and program schedule.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: To apply email your resume and cover letter to:

Ohio River Foundation

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