

**The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC)
TEMPORARY NATURALIST
Desert Preserves- Whitewater, Pioneertown and Mission Creek**

PART-TIME TEMPORARY NATURALIST \$12/hour

The Naturalist is responsible for conducting outdoor interpretive nature study and history programs for school, youth and family groups. Additional responsibilities include greeting visitors and providing both natural history and Preserve information.

Requires weekend work. Bilingual (English and Spanish) highly desired.

Position is available now and will conclude June 2018. Average hours 18-24 per week, with reduced or no scheduled hours during school and program breaks.

COMPANY- THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY (TWC)

TWC is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, a private organization dedicated to preserving important American landscapes, and bringing people back to the land.

PRIMARY WORKSITE- WHITEWATER PRESERVE

A 2,851 acre nature preserve located 5 miles north of the 10 freeway between Palm Springs and Cabazon in Whitewater, CA. Naturalist will also conduct programs at the Mission Creek and Pioneertown Mountains Preserves at various times throughout the year.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Lead interpretive natural history, cultural history and science discussions while at a hands-on activity station or on a nature hike.
- Direct students and the public in scientific observations and activities using guidebooks, ocular devices, and monitoring and measuring equipment, and other related items.
- Conduct weekend, evening and off-site programs for families and the general public.
- Involve students and public in spontaneous interactive learning exercises.
- Teach while walking on a variety of terrains and all weather conditions.
- Attend trainings and special events as scheduled.
- Maintain program and informational materials and program sites.
- Maintain regular schedule of cleaning preserve restrooms and office.
- Perform clerical and phone duties.
- Complete forms and paperwork as required.
- Effectively relate TWC's mission to the general public and school participants, and interact positively with visitors and vendors.
- Perform litter removal.
- Lead and assist with volunteer programs.
- Be proactive in safety matters and report hazards to ranger staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

- **Must be at least 18 years of age.**
- Related experience and interpretive skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and group communication skills.
- Effective Communication; Bilingual (English and Spanish) highly desired.
- Personal dedication to environmental protection and conservation
- Pass Live Scan criminal history background check and TB clearance.
- Current CPR/First Aid training or ability to acquire within ninety days of hire.

Ability to:

- Convey information in a dynamic and energetic manner.
- Effectively teach and interpret interactive outdoor programs to children and adults.
- Provide a positive educational environment for all aspects of the Outdoor Education Program.
- Communicate effectively with children and adults from varying cultures and ethnic groups.
- Demonstrate effective use of leadership and decision making techniques.
- Work with minimal direct supervision.
- Utilize good people skills including being friendly, caring, and tactful.
- Handle difficult student behavior effectively and with discretion.
- Effectively handle difficult and potentially confrontational situations with the public.
- Walk up to six miles per day in uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions. Lift, pull, and push up to 30 pounds.

HOW TO APPLY

E-mail resume and cover letter stating the position you are applying for in the subject line to: jobs@twc-ca.org

FILING DEADLINE: Open until filled

Appointment is subject to proof of acceptable driving record, pre-employment physical and drug screen, Live Scan fingerprinting, current CPR certification, and clear TB reading.

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