

**THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY
SEASONAL NATURALIST
OAK GLEN PRESERVE**

PART-TIME SEASONAL NATURALIST \$12/hour

Conduct outdoor education programs teaching children in multiple grade levels environmental, science-based and cultural programs. Topics include forest ecology and ecosystems, watersheds, geology, animal adaptations, wildlife habitats, early inhabitants of the area and activities relating to the enjoyment of nature's beauty. Responsible for providing a safe and interactive learning experience to school and youth groups, and activities and interpretive programs for families and public visitors. Additional responsibilities include rotating weekend days and holidays on the preserve trails for public contact and programs, on-site and off-site events and occasional evening work for training and conducting public programs.

Season ends June 2018. Average hours 18-28 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- OAK GLEN PRESERVE The 2,189 acre nature preserve is located in Oak Glen, CA. See www.WildlandsConservancy.org and click on "Preserves", then click on Oak Glen for more information.

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 office 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, plant trimming, and trail restoration and maintenance.
- 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.**
- Previous experience working with children; early childhood education or child development education a plus.
- Related experience and interpretive skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and group communication skills.
- Effectively communicate in English, bilingual (English and Spanish a plus).
- 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.
- Lead education based hikes up to two miles daily and hike up to six miles per day to monitor trails at 5000 feet elevation 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

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Position open until filled.

For additional information about the mission and programs of The Wildlands Conservancy, please visit our website at www.wildlandsconservancy.org or call the Oak Glen Preserve Office at (909) 790-3698.

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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