

**THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY
SEASONAL NATURALIST
WIND WOLVES PRESERVE**

PART-TIME SEASONAL NATURALIST \$12/hour

Conduct five-hour environmental and science-based programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade school children. Topics include ecology and ecosystems, watersheds, geology, animal adaptations, wildlife habitats, Native American lifeways and activities relating to the enjoyment of nature's beauty. Additional responsibilities include rotating weekend days and holidays, (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) on the preserve trails for public contact and programs, on-site and off-site events and evening work for training and conducting public programs. Requires weekend work.

Season begins September 18, 2017, and ends in June 2017. 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 private nonprofit public benefit organization dedicated to preserving important American landscapes, and bringing people back to the land.

PRIMARY WORKSITE- WIND WOLVES PRESERVE

The 93,000 acre nature preserve located 30 miles south of Bakersfield, CA. See www.WildlandsConservancy.org and click on "Preserves", then click on Wind Wolves for more information and directions.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

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

- Be proactive in safety matters, know emergency response procedures, 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.
- Pass pre-employment physical and drug screen.
- Current CPR/First Aid training or ability to acquire within ninety days of hire.
- Good driving record.

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.
- Walk up to six miles per day in uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions. Lift, pull, and push a minimum of 30 pounds.
- Perform routine standing, sitting, reaching, bending, kneeling, speaking, hearing, seeing, operating a motor vehicle; perform standard work functions such as typing, learning, speaking on radio, telephone, and in person.

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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