



Friends of Sausal Creek

PROMOTING WATERSHED AWARENESS

Environmental Education Specialist

The Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) in Oakland, California, a 501(c)(3), is seeking an environmental education specialist to support its expanding outdoor education programs. FOSC is a community-based grassroots organization working to improve the Sausal Creek Watershed with an ultimate vision of a healthy riparian corridor linking the hills and the bay.

Definition

FOSC's environmental education programs encourage local youth to be environmental stewards while teaching them about the physical and ecological connection of the creek and surrounding neighborhoods to the Oakland Estuary. The environmental education specialist will help launch new school partnerships, coordinate with teachers and volunteer docents, and lead exploratory and educational field trips in urban and wild areas in the Sausal Creek Watershed. Activities will include classroom presentations, mapping and art projects, gardening in urban parks, bird watching, aquatic insect monitoring, water quality testing, and removing invasive, nonnative species and planting natives in Oakland wildlands to support habitat restoration projects. All field trips will have the support of an intern as available. The education specialist will also assist with data entry, community outreach, and grant reporting.

Terms and Schedule

The rate of pay is \$18/hour. The number of hours required is 12 per week in September and October 2016 when fostering school partnerships and coordinating field trips, and 18 per week starting in November 2016 once field trips have begun. The schedule is somewhat flexible and determined based on teacher requests. During the summer (June-August), the selected candidate will work 10-18 hours a week leading summer environmental education programs. The selected candidate will be responsible for his/her own transportation, as well as transporting tools and other materials to worksites. Workers' Compensation Insurance is provided. Successful completion of a background check, proof of negative TB results, and proof of personal auto insurance are required. Travel to and from work sites and work-related meetings is reimbursable.

General Characteristics and Required Skills

- Undergraduate degree
- Experience facilitating groups is necessary; experience leading outdoor education activities a plus
- Exhibit interest in and knowledge of environmental issues
- Experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds; interest in social justice issues
- Strong interpersonal skills, highly motivated and possess strong work ethic
- Demonstrated responsible behavior and judgment
- Enjoy working outdoors and in the Oakland community
- Fluency in Spanish is a plus

The specialist should have the ability to:

- Be a positive role model, respectful leader, and have the ability to motivate others
- Help develop environmental, cultural, and natural history curriculum
- Form new school partnerships and relationships with teachers; correspond professionally and in a timely manner
- Plan for and lead environmental lessons with school-aged children (6-18 years old), including educating participants on the organization, the watershed, and tool and project safety
- Purchase and maintain tools and supplies, track project budgets
- Lift 40 pounds
- Use word processing, database, and spreadsheet software; log field trip and volunteer data

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, please email a thoughtful resume and cover letter to Executive Director Kimra McAfee at coordinator@sausalcreek.org.