



Philly Forests

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Environmental Educator Job Description

Job Title: Environmental Educator

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Term: Part Time, Seasonal from April to December

Pay Rate: \$16.50 - \$17.25/hour (commensurate with experience)

About Philly Forests

Philly Forests is a small-scale, 8-acre regenerative farm that is split between Northwest Philadelphia and Westtown, PA in Chester county. We are a social enterprise that aims to bring environmental justice and restore wildlife habitat through agribusiness. Our farmers markets and CSA program support the Urban Ecology Program where trees, shrubs, and perennials are distributed for free in Philadelphia's 13 zip codes with the lowest tree canopy.

Headquartered in Germantown, Philadelphia, PA, Philly Forests works with small farmers, historic organizations, food businesses, local schools, public garden institutions, and neighborhood groups throughout the region to develop meaningful methods of engagement with Philadelphia's local food and eco- systems.

More information on Philly Forests is available at phillyforests.com.

About This Role

The Philly Forests **Environmental Educator** will be responsible for leading classes related to Basic Beekeeping, Foraging, Gardening, Mushroom Log Inoculation, and Tree/Plant ID hikes. We will provide training for this role and ensure confidence in curriculum prior to class commencement. The Environmental Educator will engage community members at the farm and nearby forests, facilitating ethical engagement to Philadelphia's diverse and rich ecosystem.

The Environmental Educator reports to the Director of Philly Forests and accomplishes 30-36 hours weekly. One weekend day per weekend is required.

Responsibilities

Environmental Education

- Lead groups of community members and children through environmental programming at the farm and nearby locations
- Prepare and store program materials before and after classes
- Foster connection between program recipients and the natural world while highlighting Philly Forests mission
- Manage program inventory, submit order form to Director to replenish materials as needed
- Update curriculum with relevant information as needed
- Share an enthusiastic approach to nature education with community members

Candidate Requirements

1. High School Diploma or equivalent, plus experience in environmental education setting
2. Ability to lift up to 50 lbs and work outside in all conditions (non-severe)
3. Display morale and enthusiasm for environmentalism and course material

4. Ability to demonstrate open and compassionate communication to program recipients, interns, and fellow staff members
5. Knowledge of our basic natural environment: trees, birds, flowers, etc
6. Ability to pre-plan classes, and prepare for recipients adequately
7. Ability to instill morale for our mission in community supporters, program recipients and social media followers (on occasion)
8. Ability to work independently with small classes, with occasional help from volunteers and interns
9. Keep general notes on programs that need addressing at team meetings
10. Ability to be prompt to meetings and workdays

Additional Details

- Philly Forests staff members get a free CSA membership for the 2023 season
- Start Date April 15th, 2023. Two weeks of training, two weeks of in class training

To Apply for this Position:

Complete online application found at phillyforests.com/get-involved