



Environmental Educator: Early Childhood Specialist

The Environmental Educator: Early Childhood Specialist is responsible for the development and implementation of early childhood education programs at the Ridges and in partnership with local organizations. Primary responsibilities would be to develop curriculum that integrates nature-based education in our Dragonfly Nature Preschool program and other early childhood programs. Our practices reflect best practices in early childhood education (as outlined by the National Association of the Education of Young Children and Wisconsin Models of Early Learning Standards) as well as best practices in Environmental Education (as outlined by North American Association of Environmental Education and Natural Start Alliance).

This position is a part-time, hourly, non-exempt position, working 32 hours a week, year-round.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Education Programs

- Facilitate discovery in both indoor and outdoor classroom setting.
- Act as lead educator in Dragonfly Nature Preschool programming
- Serve as Director of Day Camps per our Day Camp License
- Develop curriculum for early childhood environmental education that reflects best practices outlined by the National Association of the Education of Young Children and Wisconsin Models of Early Learning Standards as well as NAAEE and NSA.
- Facilitate partnerships with local Door County organizations for programming in early childhood environmental education.
- Participate in special events.
- Other duties as needed.

Administration

- Meet with staff on a regular basis to share program ideas, collaborate on programs and events, etc.
- Help answer incoming phone calls and respond to parent inquiries.
- Prepare program reports as needed

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities

- Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Education, Early Childhood Education or equivalent experience/knowledge
- Experience in developing and delivering environmental education and/or camp programs.
- Love of nature and teaching young children
- Energetic and enthusiastic personality to help motivate children and collaborate with co-workers.
- Knowledge of local natural history preferred.
- Excellent communication skills.

- Withstand the physical demands of work which involves some lifting, carrying, bending and hiking across uneven terrain.
- Must pass a criminal background check.

How to apply: Please send cover letter and resume to Katie Krouse, katie@ridgessanctuary.org with the subject line “Environmental Educator: Early Childhood Specialist Application.” Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.