

Position Announcement: Nature Programs Assistant (Early Childhood)

About the Corvallis Environmental Center

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) is a community-based, educational non-profit that has prioritized partnerships to implement programs to address community needs since 1994. CEC's mission is to create a healthy, sustainable community. We do this through pre-K through 8th environmental education, Farm to School programs, youth leadership development, teacher training, and food security. We work in Corvallis, Oregon and surrounding rural communities. CEC's programs include after school programs, summer camps, a nature-based preschool in Avery Park, classroom education in partnership with the Corvallis and Philomath School Districts, family programs and events, and a 1-acre demonstration and education garden in Starker Arts Park known as SAGE.

About NaturePlay Preschool

For over 18 years the Corvallis Environmental Center's preschool program at the Avery House Nature Center has striven to facilitate a deep connection between students and their environment through engaging and playful nature activities outdoors! We tell stories, sing, play movement games, do amazing art projects and learn about nature through inquiry and investigation of nature's seasonal cycles. Our facility is located in Avery Park and has access to native plant gardens, old growth forests, a riparian ecosystem and hiking trails, playground areas, and seasonal wetlands—providing fun learning opportunities year round!

Position Summary

The Nature Programs Educator will work as part of The Corvallis Environmental Center's (CEC) education team, focusing on our early childhood education programs primarily NaturePlay preschool occurring Monday through Friday mornings. This position may also participate in other education programs as an assistant teacher or substitute when needed. These programs include day camps, after school programs, in-class programs, or community events.

Reports to: NaturePlay Coordinator

Employment Type: Part-time, 10+ per week, hours may vary. Possibility of full time in the summer.

Starting Compensation: \$15.00/hr to \$15.50

Location: Corvallis, Oregon

Application Deadline: Open until filled, applications reviewed in an ongoing basis

To apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to programs@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

Job Responsibilities

- Work with NaturePlay education team to implement NaturePlay preschool programs during the school year

- Assist education team with set up, clean up, and COVID safety protocols



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- Assist with the implementation of CEC day camps and preschool programming in the summer
- Assist staff in administering program evaluations
- Participate in regular staff meetings and team meetings
- Participate in other education programs as an assistant or substitute when needed
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience in early childhood education, child development, environmental or natural resource education, environmental sciences, or related field
 - Experience working with children aged 3 to 5
 - Experience in implementing environmental education programs for K through 5th grade students •
- Ability to work independently and in a collaborative team
- Ability to work with people with diverse life experience
 - Well organized and detail-oriented
 - Excellent written and oral communication skills
 - First Aid/CPR certified
 - Fluent in Spanish (both written and spoken) is preferred but not required