**Part-Time Environmental Educator**

Hitchcock Center for the Environment – Amherst, MA

Hourly Wage: $16/hr.

The Hitchcock Center for the Environment is seeking a part-time environmental educator to join our growing team. We seek a person who is skilled working with young children and has a passion for science and the natural world.

This position is budgeted for approximately 12 hours per week during the school year with an option to work full-time during the weeks of our school vacation and summer camp programs (10 weeks out of the year). Responsibilities include leading innovative, fun and nature-based afterschool and family programs that include some weekends and evenings.

A Bachelor’s degree in education, biology, environmental education or working toward a related field and a minimum of two years of environmental education experience is required.

The Hitchcock Center is a nonprofit environmental education center whose mission is to foster greater awareness and understanding of the environment and to foster environmentally literate citizens. We are committed to diversity, inclusion, and equity in who we are and whom we serve: our staff, board and supporters, and the people, groups and partners with whom we work.

**TO APPLY:**

Please send a cover letter, resume and three professional reference contacts by July 31, 2018 to Colleen Kelley, Education Director, [colleen@hitchcockcenter.org](mailto:colleen@hitchcockcenter.org)

**Environmental Educator Job Description**

**Responsibilities include:**

* Lead a new outdoor nature play afterschool program for ten 6-8 year old children once a week on Monday afternoons (3:30-5:30 pm) during the school year (September-June)
  + Facilitate unstructured play outdoors
  + Ensure a safe and positive outdoor play experience
  + Support social-emotional development through appropriate risk-taking and team-building activities
  + Foster a deep connection to the natural world
  + Mentor a college intern assistant
* Lead field trips for elementary aged school children
  + Provide inquiry-based instruction on a wide range of science topics for school groups, ages preK-6
* Develop, plan and execute Second Saturday Science program (Saturday 9-1pm) for children and families once per month during the school year.
  + Be a friendly and welcoming representative of the Hitchcock Center.
  + Foster fun and engaging science education for families.
* Develop, plan and teach 2-3 day-long (8:30am-3pm) school vacation days (teacher curriculum days) for children ages K-6.
* Conduct other children and family programs as-needed
* Optional: Additional responsibilities can include school vacation and summer camp representing up to 10 additional weeks of full-time employment (M-F 8-4pm) for an additional 410 hours.

**Requirements:**

* Bachelor’s degree in education, biology, environmental education or working toward a related field.
* Minimum two years of environmental education experience-both field and classroom teaching and supervising young children
* Must have a deep passion for working with young children.
* Work collaboratively with education staff
* Have excellent written and spoken communication skills
* Have positive attitude, even in the rain and extreme temperatures!

**Physical Demands**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to: climb, walk nature trails, be outdoors, run, bend, stoop, kneel, twist, reach with hands, sit, stand for extended periods of time, walk, lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, have finger dexterity, grasp, perform repetitive motions, talk, hear and have visual acuity.

**Note:** Hiring is contingent upon passing a CORI background check.