

# Environmental Educator

*Full-Time, Seasonal Position (32 hrs/wk)*

*March 11, 2019 through Nov. 8, 2019*

*Supervised by the Interpretation & Education Coordinator*



## **Objective:**

Environmental Educators work to deliver and design high-quality educational programming both on- and off-site. The goal is to engage students in educational field experiences that are an extension of the classroom and directly related to school curriculum. In the summer, Environmental Educators will work with camps and other groups and Grandfather Mountain's Junior Ranger programs.

## **Major Duties:**

- Delivers environmental education programs to school and private groups
- Constantly exhibits a guest service attitude, a smile and an obvious interest in guest comfort and service
- Communicates with the public in a courteous and tactful manner, assists guests with questions and directions to various areas of the mountain, addresses the guest — does not wait to be asked
- Serves as a frontline representative of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation by modeling and teaching conservation of the natural world
- Assists in the development and evaluation of new education programs
- Staffs the Nature Museum on a rotating basis on Saturdays and Sundays
- Assists with the planning and implementation of Special Events
- Assist with staffing and Interpretive Programs at Linville Peak and the Swinging Bridge
- Records regular citizen science weather observations
- Responsible for Nature Museum displays and bird feeders
- Distributes maps and brochures, informs visitors of potential safety hazards or closures, and provides directions and routes of travel through the park
- Operates a variety of audiovisual and other equipment in connection with programs or exhibits
- Serve as a parking attendant in various capacities, as needed
- Responds to emergency calls and takes appropriate action following guidelines and procedures
- Responsible for maintaining litter-free grounds
- Other duties will be assigned as necessary, especially during peak visitation days

## **Qualifications:**

- Experience developing and implementing educational programs or the ability to learn
- Public speaking ability and excellent interpersonal communication skills
- N.C. Certified Environmental Educator preferred (or willingness to complete necessary trainings to become certified)
- Experience or ability to learn how to properly present curriculum-based educational programs
- Strong organizational skills and ability to multi-task, adapt to change and prioritize effectively
- Ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative team
- Understanding of natural science themes, nature-play and interpretation

- Experience handling educational animals in public settings or the ability to learn
- Have reliable transportation
- Flexibility of hours: some evening, weekend and holidays are required
- Ability to be flexible as visitation changes from school groups to family groups and increases and decreases depending on the weather
- First-Aid and CPR certification
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.

**Responsibilities:**

- 50% Environmental Education Program Facilitation
- 20% Program Planning and Preparation
- 10% Assisting with Interpretation Programs and management of Linville Peak
- 10% General Customer Service
- 10% Safety and Operational Duties

To apply, please email [lauren@grandfather.com](mailto:lauren@grandfather.com) .  
Include “Environmental Educator” in the subject line.

**Acceptable applications include:**

- General Grandfather Mountain application (available at <https://grandfather.com/about-grandfather-mountain/our-team/join-the-team/> )
- Resume
- Cover letter

Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.