

Environmental Educator

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

March through November

Supervised by the Interpretation & Education Program Manager



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 camp, scout, adult, and family groups; and help facilitate our daily programs and events.

Major Duties:

Education Programs:

- Delivers environmental education programs to school and private groups
- Assists in greeting and organizing charter bus groups, and adjusting the daily schedule as necessary
- Assists in the development and evaluation of new education programs

Guest Services:

- Constantly exhibits a guest service attitude 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
- Staffs the Nature Museum on a rotating basis on Saturdays and Sundays
- Distributes maps and brochures, informs visitors of potential safety hazards or closures, and provides directions and routes of travel through the park
- Assists with the planning and implementation of Special Events on weekends

Park Interpretation:

- Assist with staffing and Interpretive Programs at Linville Peak and the Swinging Bridge
- Serves as a frontline representative of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation by modeling and teaching conservation of the natural world

Nature Museum:

- Records regular citizen science weather observations
- Responsible for Nature Museum displays and bird feeders
- Operates a variety of audiovisual and other equipment in connection with programs or exhibits

Other Responsibilities:

- 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

- NC 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, ability to multi-task, adapt to change, and to 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

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