



ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Environmental Educator
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The Anacostia Watershed Society, Inc. (AWS) is a pioneering environmental advocacy, education and stewardship non-profit organization working at the vanguard of issues affecting land and water conservation along the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. We are seeking applications for the position of Environmental Educator. The successful applicant will become an integral member of our organization's Environmental Education (EE) team.

The Environmental Educator inspires and informs youth of all ages about the wonders of the natural world, particularly the workings of the Anacostia Watershed. Through our environmental education programs, this position will teach watershed education in area classrooms, lead field trips on the Anacostia River, conduct teacher trainings, and more. In addition, she/he provides information to and recruits area schools and teachers to participate in our programs. The Environmental Educator is a full member of the EE team and works directly with the program manager and other educators and interns.

SPECIFIC TASKS & DUTIES

Includes estimated time allocation.

1. Implements education program activities as needed to support achieving Education Team objectives, including: (70%)
 - Teaching watershed education in the classrooms
 - Leading canoe and pontoon trips, and interpreting wildlife and history along the river
 - Assisting the staff horticulturist during wetland restoration activities
 - Assisting with rain barrel workshops and other "school yard greening" activities
 - Teaching watershed education to summer camp groups
 - Managing student behavior
 - Reaching out to and attending meetings with PTAs, teachers, etc.
 - Maintaining canoes, boats, trailers, vehicles and field study & classroom supplies as needed

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2. Collaboratively promotes and implements the teacher training program, including: (15%)
 - Recruiting new teachers
 - Leading and facilitating teacher training
 - Ordering materials and compiling teacher supply kits
 - Assisting with the Watershed Educators Summit
3. Assists with program development, evaluation and fundraising, as requested, including (10%):
 - Developing annual work plan and quarterly review and modification as necessary
 - Reviewing program effectiveness
 - Developing program narrative and input to proposals, as well as progress reports, as requested
4. Participates in organization-wide efforts, including eight annual community events, strategic planning, and other tasks as requested (includes working weekends) (5%)

CORE COMPETENCIES

Includes the critical areas of expertise and abilities that are required to effectively perform the tasks outlines above.

1. A command of the required technical information relevant to environmental science, teaching and managing K-12 classrooms, WET curriculum and other AWS education programs
2. Interest in conservation, enthusiasm for the outdoors, and ability to work with children of all ages, especially urban youth
3. Effective in creating teams, partnerships and relationships that move the work forward and engages others in a manner that allows the parties involved to discover common ground
4. Ability to collaboratively evaluate effectiveness, adapt program design and implementation, develop annual work plans, etc.
5. Accountability; doing what she says she will do by when she said it would be done
6. Self-motivation, innovation, and resourcefulness in doing whatever it takes to get the job done well
7. Strong written/verbal communication skills, including persuasive and effective communication that forwards the purpose and mission of the organization and familiarity with use of computers and the internet

8. A strong and active interest in learning and personal growth, including actively and reflectively pursuing growing self awareness and receiving feedback from colleagues
9. Boat and paddling experience
10. Spanish language skills a plus

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

This is a full-time, exempt position reporting to the organization's Manager of Environmental Education Programs. Salary is commensurate with experience. Health insurance, retirement plan, and paid leave available. Position available immediately.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Electronic (e-mail) submissions are preferred. Please send all requested materials (see below) to info@anacostiaws.org. Please reference Environmental Educator Position in the subject line of your message. Materials must be received no later than October 15, 2009. Position may close prior to published deadline.

Please submit a résumé and a cover letter detailing your interest in this position to the attention of—

Lee Cain, Environmental Education Programs Manager
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