



THE REWILDING SCHOOL

Returning to our roots in the Hudson Valley

Forest Preschool Teacher - FT

Minimum Commitment: Immediate Hire - June, 2024

There are opportunities after June as well.

Time Commitment: 30-35 hours/week. Regularly Monday-Friday

Pay and Benefits

\$19.00 - \$20.00 per hour, Experience Based

Benefits: Retirement Plan

Organization Description:

The Rewilding School connects both kids and adults to the natural world through hands-on natural living skills. Our schedule runs year-round including summer day programs, forest preschool, after school classes, adult workshops, and private parties. Classes are taught through partnerships with land conservation organizations to a wide audience including families, preschoolers, school-age kids, teens, and adults.

Position Description:

We are looking for passionate educators for our 100% outdoor Forest Preschool program at Brinton Brook Sanctuary, Croton. Forest Preschool Teachers create magic in the woods. Working with kids ages 3-5, our teachers allow kids to safely explore the natural world on their own terms and build deep connections that last a lifetime.



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Teachers are the critical link that opens the doors to the outside for our students. Each educator gets to bring their creativity and passion to their classes while working outside in some of the most beautiful natural areas in the Hudson Valley.

Preschool Teachers in particular have the ultimate freedom to tailor classes to kids' needs and center social and emotional learning in the context of natural spaces. Each preschool session meets for 2.5 hours and there are both morning and afternoon sessions each day.

Qualifications:

Required:

- The ability to work 100% outside. We do not have indoor classrooms.
- We require all in person teachers to be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Minimum 1 year experience working with youth in an outdoor setting.
- Ability to lift 40lb in case of emergency and carry 20lb for a distance of 1 mile
- An abundance of compassion and understanding for children's complex needs
- Strong passion for the natural world and the ability to share that passion with participants
- First aid & CPR Certification, or ability to acquire it prior to start date
- Ability to work effectively with co-workers and supervisors to achieve program goals
- Ability to support parents and students through clear communication of children's actions and needs during the program
- Basic knowledge of New York State flora & fauna and ability to apply that knowledge through crafts and games
- Flexibility and the ability to deal with the changing nature of outdoor activities and children
- Be able to follow through with work commitments



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Recommended:

- One or more of the following
- Musical ability (guitar, song, drums, etc)
- Artistic ability (pottery, painting, drawing, weaving, etc)
- Experience in theater or storytelling

Job Duties:

- Ensure the safety of all program participants
- Connect kids to the natural world, to each other, and to themselves through original nature-based activities
- Check in participants at the start of each program and make sure children get picked up by the appropriate adult at the end of the session
- Create a community where everyone is emotionally, physically, and socially safe
- Situational awareness
- Maintain an open and constructive dialogue with the Executive Director and with coworkers concerning the workings and progress of the program.
- Grow as a teacher and mentor through the development of new content, self-reflection and professional development workshops.
- Assist with standard duties including; inventory and maintenance of equipment and supplies, grounds maintenance, the gathering of craft supplies, and the preparation of program materials.
- Assist students with basic caretaking task such as opening snacks, helping them dress, and aiding in bathroom use



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If you believe your experience matches our requirements, please submit your resume for consideration.

Job Type: Full-time

Full-time Benefits:

Sick leave - All employees accrue 1 hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

Retirement - The Rewilding School has a pension 401k plan, meaning the organization fully funds this at no cost to the employee. All staff are eligible for this plan once they have worked one year with us and then earn at least \$600 with us. All employees receive the same percentage of their salary as a contribution to their pension. If it's a good year, the employee may receive up to 12% of their salary as a contribution. If it's a leaner year, the employee may receive 1% of their salary as a contribution.

Employee Discounts - The Rewilding School offers competitive employee discounts for themselves, friends or family to attend our programs on a sliding scale based on how many hours a week they are scheduled to work with us.

COVID-19 considerations: We require all instructors to be vaccinated

Schedule:

- 8 hour shift
- Day shift