



**Part-Time Environmental Educator 2024**  
***Job Description***

**Application Deadline:** March 1st, 2024

**Employment Dates:** Mid-March- July 26th

**Compensation:** \$15 to \$17, determined by experience and education.

The Nature Institute is a private non-profit conservation organization that fosters an awareness and appreciation for the natural world through preservation, restoration, and education. The Nature Institute manages nearly 500 acres along the Mississippi River bluffs in Godfrey, IL. This property includes a variety of natural communities protecting a diverse population of plants and animals.

**Position Description:**

The Nature Institute is currently seeking a part-time environmental educator with an enthusiasm for teaching and a love for the outdoors. In our education programs, we strive to create a welcoming and inclusive space for all ages to explore their connection with nature. The primary responsibility of the part-time Environmental Educator is to provide support with our environmental education and outreach programming through the spring and summer months.

This position is 15 - 20 hrs per week with a variable schedule during the spring months, and increases to 37.5/hrs per week in June and July. The nature of the work requires flexibility to work on weekdays, evenings, and weekends, depending on program needs. Schedules are provided 2 weeks in advance. This temporary position has a flexible start date in mid-March and runs through July 26th. Tuesday through Saturday availability is preferred.

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum of 18 years of age.
- At least two (2) years of relevant work experience preferred.
- Hold a degree or currently working towards a degree in science, education, or related field preferred.
- Prior teaching experience (formal or informal).
- A passion for youth education and the outdoors.
- Ability to teach in an outdoor setting, in all weather conditions.
- Ability to communicate effectively and be comfortable interacting with and working in close proximity to parents, children, and the general public, in a professional and friendly manner.
- Ability to coordinate and prioritize multiple tasks, deadlines, and projects in a timely manner.
- Confidence working with diverse audiences, from preschoolers to adults, from all backgrounds.
- Obtain and maintain First Aid/CPR certification (training provided).
- Enthusiasm, flexibility, and ability to work collaboratively with staff, partner organizations, and the public.
- Proficiency with Google Drive.

**General and specific responsibilities:**

- Follow provided lesson plans for diverse environmental education programs for people of all ages.
- Lead nature-based programming including, but not limited to: field trips, adult programs, Discovery Day Camp, homeschool programs, scouts groups, birthday parties, outreach programs, and preschool programs.
- Work with the education team to develop environmental education instructional materials for programming, classroom use, and for outdoor areas.
- Serve as a floating educator for our Discovery Day Camp throughout the summer months.
- Represent the organization at community events and in other venues, as applicable.
- Ensure indoor/outdoor play spaces and teaching facilities are maintained.

**To Apply:** Please fill out an application at: [www.thenatureinstitute.org/now-hiring](http://www.thenatureinstitute.org/now-hiring)