



Nature Educator-Mountain Rangers

Summer 2021

Our mission is to inspire a life-long connection to nature and community through creative exploration of the outdoors.

Wild Bear Nature Center is seeking a Nature Educator with early childhood education experience to join our education team and help lead our 5-6 year old children's Nature Camp programs. This individual must have at least 600 hours of experience delivering well planned full day educational programs for children. We are seeking creative, child centered educators who love nature and are looking to work in a positive, hard-working environment.

Job Description:

- Plan and implement creative hands-on full day nature programs
- Orient into Wild Bear's materials, programs, policies, philosophy when working with children
- Work with our education team to plan fun and hands-on nature programs for school age children
- Take pride in diligently organizing and maintaining Wild Bear's education materials
- Integrate new ideas into Wild Bear's existing programs and materials
- Insure that all children are safe and accounted for at all times
- Drive a 15-passenger van to outlying areas such as Mud Lake for exploration opportunities
- Create a fun and engaging plan each day and adhere to a schedule but be flexible in response to children and nature.

Position Available for:

1. Early childhood educator: ages 5/6: Seeking an educator who understands the value of magic and mystery, uses creative implementation for deepening a love of nature.

**Please include what makes you a great candidate for this age group. We are in support of candidates with Walldorf, and creative, non-traditional learning model mindsets and experience.

Tentative Summer Schedule: (subject to change) Approximately 28-38 hrs./week

- 2-4 Full Days a week: Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
- Planning Fridays: 9am-12pm

The variety of our offered programs are a great mix of learning, creativity, nature exploration all based out of the nature center in downtown Nederland and spend the bulk of the day in the gorgeous local outdoor mountain trails and spaces. Wild Bear's education team develops the theme and then staff create a structure of the day which encompasses science, music, games, story, crafts and hands-on outdoor exploration! See above requirements which apply directly to these programs.

Job Qualification Requirements:

- Completed (or in progress) degree in the field of education, environmental studies, natural science or related field and/or 2-3 years and/or 600 hours of experience in leading groups of school-age children in nature.
- Clear background check from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.
- Three positive professional references
- Experience and/or education in innovative nature education program full day planning

Nature Educator Profile:

- Child focused in teaching techniques
- Has skills and experience in nontraditional, experiential, and creative teaching models and programs
- Natural History knowledge, skills, interest, and experience
- Creativity and art focus for program planning and implementation
- Adaptive problem solving and educational mindset
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to self-start and work as a member of a team
- Strong presentation skills
- Fun, creative, and project oriented
- Thinks outside the box
- People with musical and creative strengths, a sense of humor, a kind and gentle demeanor, who enjoy spending time with children, and love the outdoors!

Compensation: \$15/hour with room for growth.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references to Nature Education Director,
Michelle Witte, michelle@wildbear.org

No phone calls please.

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