

Position: Lake Front Park Naturalist

Location: Varies, positions available at Burke Lake, Lake Accotink, and Lake Fairfax Parks. Willing to travel to various teaching locations throughout Fairfax County.

Status: E, Part-Time, 1,040 – 1,560 hours per year

Hours: Variable, on average 30 hours per week. Hours will include mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends and holidays.

Salary: \$18.01-\$24.02/hour, benefits-eligible*

Instructor Description: Under the supervision of the Senior Interpreter and Park Manager, plan, design and present interpretive programs in natural and cultural history, geocaching, orienteering, outdoor recreation, kayaking and science topics for age groups ranging from preschool to adults. Groups can include school groups, scout groups, camps, general public, thematic class series, birthday parties, events, and off-site and special request programs. Assist operations staff with park events. Assist in assessing the sites natural resources with the Lake Front Senior Interpreter. Assist Camp Director and play a vital role in our summer camps. Provide operational support to all programs. Responsible for program administration including: preparing rosters, participant communication, cancellations and refunds, and program data load and changes.

Minimum Qualifications: Experience with natural sciences, education, recreation, or a closely related field. Experience presenting interpretive programs or teaching children. Ability to communicate effectively. Experience using a kayak or canoe or willingness to learn. Strong organizational skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office. Must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license with good driving record. First Aid/CPR/AED certified or the ability to attain certification within the first six months of employment.

Preferred Qualifications: Experience leading groups and teaching classes. Knowledge of local natural and environmental history. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Ability to deal effectively with citizen inquires and questions.

Necessary Special Requirements:

- All newly hired employees are required to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment or obtain approval of a medical or religious exemption prior to their start date. Proof of an exemption or vaccination status will be required during the pre-employment onboarding process. New employees who obtain an exemption from the vaccine mandate for medical or religious reasons will still be subject to the weekly testing requirement. Otherwise, vaccinated employees will complete the attestation online in the first day of employment.
- The appointee to this position will be required to complete a criminal background check to the satisfaction of the employer.

Note: *Individuals in these positions are eligible for limited employee benefits, including medical, vision and dental insurance coverage, and participation in flexible spending programs, but are not eligible to earn leave or receive holiday pay. This position cannot exceed 1,560 hours per calendar year.

To Apply: Send cover letter and resume to sarah.oberther@fairfaxcounty.gov