

## **City Parks Foundation Education**

- JOB:** Two Part-Time Physical Education/Healthy Living Instructors  
For Afterschool Programs in Brooklyn and Staten Island
- START DATE:** March –June 2015 (program begins again in September.)  
Min. 36 weeks per school year at 15 hours per week  
Plus up to 100 hours of planning and supervision throughout the school year
- SALARY:** \$20/hr

### About City Parks Foundation

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, non-profit organization to offer programs in parks throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CPF works in over 700 parks citywide, presenting a broad range of free arts, sports and education programs and helping citizens to support their parks on a local level. Our programs and community-building initiatives reach more than 600,000 New Yorkers each year, contributing to the revitalization of neighborhoods throughout New York City.

This is an exciting time of growth for CPF Education. For over 20 years, CPF Education has promoted experiential learning in environmental science and media arts, connecting kids to parklands as learning laboratories. In 2013, CPF Education developed a comprehensive strategic plan. Our vision is to foster year-round, long-term engagement of youth from targeted, high-needs communities in our five program areas: Seeds to Trees, Learning Gardens, Green Girls, Coastal Classroom and Youth Made Media.

A key strategy to achieve this vision is a significant expansion of out-of-school time programs. Ultimately, all our programs will have afterschool initiatives and Summer Institutes for middle schoolers that lead to credit-bearing apprenticeships and paid internships for high schoolers. Together, these initiatives will create a pipeline for youth to study urban ecology and technology throughout adolescence, thereby opening new STEM interests, employment opportunities, college possibilities and career options.

### About the Position

CPF seeks two enthusiastic and experienced part-time Physical Education Instructors for comprehensive afterschool programs. The anticipated schedules are: in Brooklyn (Red Hook), M-F from 3-6pm and, on Staten Island (Richmond Terrace), M-W from 3-6:30pm, one Saturday/month and all school holidays. The Physical Education Instructors report to the Partnership Manager at each site, who reports to the Director of Media Arts.

The afterschool program combines instruction in homework help, environmental science, media arts and healthy living. The Physical Education Instructors lead a group of 15 youth in homework help and leads healthy living units each with 15 students. Held indoors and outdoors. Based on the interests and abilities of students and instructors, the healthy living units can reflect a wide range of activities and topics, from nutrition to sports. In addition, the Physical Education instructors will coordinate less structured physical activities for youth each day. The Environmental Educators will shape their lessons to ensure they promote positive youth development, experiential learning, and healthy behaviors. In addition, weekly "Fieldwork Fridays" take students outdoors for service learning in parks and physical activities such as hiking.

In addition to 15 hours of direct instruction per week, throughout employment at CPF, the Environmental Educators will participate in up to 100 hours of planning, supervision and special events, including:

- Up to eight six-hour planning sessions to develop lessons and reflect on student work

- Six CPF Education staff meetings (two hours each) which focus on skills and knowledge development in education and youth development
- Two offsite professional development workshops in science, education or youth development (of your choosing)
- Up to two hours of supervision each week (group and individual)
- Three “Service Saturdays” that engages youth and their families in projects such as street tree care or composting.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work with the Partnership Manager and other frontline educators to implement curricula, lessons and provide assessment for the afterschool programs.
- Lead homework help, Monday – Thursday
- Plan and lead science component of the clubs, held twice/week, Monday – Thursday
- Collaborate with the media arts instructor to align science and technology learning
- Participate in planning and implementation of weekly Fieldwork Fridays and three Service Saturdays.
- Continually investigate best practices through your own professional development
- Participate in staff meetings, trainings, and events as required

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor’s Degree in Education, Physical Education or related field required; Master’s preferred
- Knowledge of and interest in a range of sports and healthy living practices is essential.
- Min. of 5 years in out-of-school time and/or informal science education
- Demonstrated ability to construct and deliver experiential learning for adolescents with diverse abilities
- Experience teaching outdoors with ability and willingness to do so in heat, cold, light rain, etc.
- Experience with curriculum development and tracking student learning
- Deep commitment to positive youth development
- Valid driver’s license a plus.
- Self starter with positive, can-do attitude and ability to communicate effectively
- Willingness to work some weekends on an irregular basis.
- Bilingual a strong plus

#### **Application Procedures:**

Interested candidates should send the following documents, via email, to Cyrille Phipps, Director of Media Arts Education and Instructional Technology for City Parks Foundation. Please put Environmental Educator in the subject line. Deadline for submissions is February 2.

[education@CityParksFoundation.org](mailto:education@CityParksFoundation.org)

- Resume
- 1 page cover letter that thoughtfully explains your interest in and experience relevant to this position

Only those individuals we select to be interviewed will be contacted. No phone calls, please.