

Position/Title: Coastal Classroom After School, Lead Educator (Part-time 24-28hrs/week)

Start Date: Early February 2019

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Contact: Send resume and cover letter to education@cityparksfoundation.org

ABOUT CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to offer programs in public parks throughout the five boroughs of New York City. At CPF, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community development, and education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs and community building initiatives -- located in more than 350 parks, recreation centers, and public schools across New York City -- reach 425,000 people each year.

- We present the largest free, outdoor performing arts festival in NYC through SummerStage, presenting artists of the highest quality across multiple disciplines and genres, and marionette puppet theater in all five boroughs with our Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre and the roving PuppetMobile.
- Partnerships for Parks, a public-private program of City Parks Foundation and NYC Parks, supports and champions a growing network of leaders who care and advocate for the transformation of their neighborhood parks.
- We connect youngsters to nature in the urban environment with education programs that provide learning experiences through classroom and hands-on activities in parks, urban forests, coastal areas, gardens, and recreation centers.
- Free golf, tennis, track & field, soccer, and fitness programs bring high-quality instruction and equipment into areas where few organized athletic opportunities exist. We offer leveled training, year-round scholarship coaching, and special pro events.

Our ethos is simple: *we believe thriving parks reflect thriving communities.*

POSITION SUMMARY

City Parks Education has operated interdisciplinary environmental education programs in schools and parks since 1992. The *Coastal Classroom* after school program focuses on coastal ecology, water quality, urban waterfront restoration and preservation on the **NYC waterfront, with sites in Inwood Hill Park in Manhattan, Shoelace Park in the Bronx and Kaiser Park in Coney Island.** *Coastal Classroom* will provide after school programming for up to 30 middle school students at each of the 3 locations, using site specific inquiry-based lessons to stimulate meaningful learning experiences in their own communities.

City Parks Foundation (CPF) seeks an experienced environmental educator with a background in marine science to provide instruction and guidance to middle school students and paid high school interns under the supervision of the Associate Director of Environmental Education. The successful candidate will have a strong

knowledge base in aquatic ecosystems and shoreline ecology as well as at least two years of experience in delivering instruction to and working with adolescents in an educational setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Adapt and deliver developmentally appropriate lessons for youth ages 8 to 14
- Implement curriculum that includes a progressive series of hands-on, interdisciplinary lessons that hone academic skills, encourage curiosity, and support mandated academic standards
- Implement assessment tools and analyze data to measure learning outcomes of the program
- Supervise and support 4-8 high school and/or college interns
- Provide logistical support and complete general administrative duties as needed
- Assist with record keeping and reporting requirements
- Maintain, repair and ensure proper storage of tools and equipment, including boats, waders, nets, buckets, water quality kits and other gear
- Devote adequate time to set-up and break-down on site to ensure program starts and ends on time
- Ability to oversee and/or participate in moving heavy equipment (boats, waders, nets, moving cart) and other strenuous physical tasks

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree in Education, Marine Ecology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or related field
- Knowledge of marine ecosystems, marine life, scientific methods of data collection and analysis
- Experience instructing outdoors, on-water and in other non-traditional settings using interactive methods desirable. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in inquiry-based educational methods
- Strong/solid classroom management skills and ability to instruct different types of learners
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills
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- Ability to work with diverse students
- Willingness to work outdoors from March-August in cold/hot/wet/sometimes uncomfortable weather conditions (some manual labor required)
- Willingness to work occasional weekends
- Willingness to travel alone on public transportation to sites throughout New York City
- Valid NYS Driver's License

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City Parks Foundation is a collegial, mission-focused organization that values its employees and encourages professional growth and advancement.

CONTACT

Interested parties should email cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: education@CityParksFoundation.org. Put "Coastal Classroom, Seasonal MArine Educator" in subject header.

Thank you for your interest in City Parks Foundation, an equal opportunity employer. Only potential candidates will be contacted. No calls, please.