

Position/Title: Environmental Educator, Part-Time (28h/week)
Start Date: July 6, 2020 **End Date:** August 25, 2020
Salary: Competitive
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

For over 20 years, CPF Education has promoted experiential learning in environmental science, connecting kids to parklands as learning laboratories. Through intensive partnerships with schools and community partners, our vision is to foster year-round, long-term engagement of youth from targeted, underserved communities in five program areas: Seeds to Trees, Learning Gardens, Green Girls, Coastal Classroom, and High School Internships.

City Parks Foundation seeks a Part-Time Environmental Educator to work during the summertime within the CPF Fresh Air Fun program. This program is a partnership between CP Learn, CP Play and the Fresh Air Fund and will take place in major city parks. The focus is on educating middle school students about urban ecology, forest ecology, marine ecology, parks stewardship, and conservation while providing a respite and some fun in the outdoors during the summertime as students will not be able to attend the Fresh Air Fund camps this summer due to the pandemic. The program will provide hands-on outdoor field experiences in parks in a safe environment framed within strict social distance and personal protection protocols. The Part-Time Educator would be in charge of implementing established lesson plans in CPFs current curricula.

REQUIREMENTS

- Provide direct instruction in a park using pre-planned activities from the Seeds to Trees and Coastal Classroom curricula for middle school students. The program will span three 2-week sessions with students rotating between sports and education activities each day between 9am and 1pm. Each two weeks a new cohort of students will be enrolled.
- Participate in safety training related to avoiding the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- Agree to sign a waiver regarding the strict use of training protocols and willingness to collaborate with onsite staff and to manage groups in such a way that students do the same.
- Opportunity to work with the Director of Education and other staff to help shape curricula by recommending activities and providing relevant feedback.
- Assist to implement program evaluation and student assessment strategies and tools.
- Assist in maintaining education department resources including educational gear, and supplies as well. While students will be given most materials to keep (so as to avoid sharing), this will include sanitizing some equipment for daily use.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in Education, Environmental Education/Science, Environmental Studies or equivalent direct experience in environmental science education in non-formal settings
- A minimum of two years of teaching experience with outdoor and experiential learning desirable
- Strong experience with middle school-age students desirable
- Demonstrated success working with diverse students, especially youth from low-income communities
- Excellent written and verbal communication as well as problem-solving skills
- Strong proficiency in Google Drive and Office applications (docs, sheets, slides)
- Willingness to work outdoors in sometimes uncomfortable weather conditions
- The ability to work both independently and as part of a team is essential.
- NYS Drivers License and the ability to travel throughout NYC a plus.
- Self-starter with a positive, can-do attitude and consistent follow-through.

CONTACT

Interested parties should email **cover letter, resume, and salary requirements:** [education\[at\]cityparksfoundation.org](mailto:education[at]cityparksfoundation.org). Put title of position in subject header.

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