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| Position/Title: | Coastal Classroom After School, Lead Educator (Part-time 14hrs/week) |
| Start Date: | Mid February 2021 (10-14 weeks total) |
| Salary: | \$22 - \$25 per hour |
| 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, Kaiser Park in Coney Island and a new site in Conference House Park Staten Island**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, *Coastal Classroom* After School this spring will provide after school programming in a fully virtual format. Remote content will be facilitated with multimedia presentations, including videos, virtual interactive content, pre-recorded virtual field trips and hands-on projects built with common household items. The curriculum will continue to maintain the themes, knowledge and skills objectives of Coastal Classroom while teaching participants about marine ecology with experiential learning 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 one or two years of experience in delivering instruction to and working with adolescents in an educational setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create and/or adapt the program curriculum and content including up to 8 virtual sessions this spring season, or up to 12 sessions if the program reverts to in-person for Fall 2021 and beyond
- Implement a curriculum that includes a progressive series virtual sessions of multimedia presentation including videos, interactive digital media, pre-recorded virtual field trips and hands-on, interdisciplinary activities that hone academic skills, encourage curiosity, and support mandated academic standards
- Or implement a curriculum in person if the program is in person in the spring which includes indoor and outdoor sessions with hands on activities including water quality testing, fishing, wading and seining among others
- Implement assessment tools and analyze data to measure the learning outcomes of the program
- 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 waders, nets, buckets, water quality kits, and other gear

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree (or pursuing bachelor's degree) in Education, Marine Ecology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or related field; or equivalent academic training and work experience in the field of environmental education
- 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 background in inquiry-based educational methods
- Strong/solid classroom management skills and the ability to instruct different types of learners
- Proven satisfactory written and verbal communications skills
- Ability to work with diverse students
- Willingness to work outdoors in the in uncomfortable weather conditions
- Willingness to work occasional weekends
- Willingness to travel alone on public transportation to sites throughout New York City
- Valid NYS Driver's License preferred

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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 the subject header.



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