

**Position/Title:** Coastal Classroom After School, Lead Educator (P/T, 28-32 hrs/week)

**Start Date:** Late September 2022.

**Salary:** \$22 - \$25 per hour

**Contact:** Send resume and cover letter to [education@cityparksfoundation.org](mailto: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**, **Bushwick Inlet Park** and **Kaiser Park in Brooklyn**, and one additional site TBD. *Coastal Classroom* will provide after school programming for up to 30 middle school students at each of the 4 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 one or 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 in an after school setting
- Implement a curriculum that includes a progressive series of hands-on, interdisciplinary activities that hone academic skills, encourage curiosity, and support mandated academic standards
- Implement assessment tools and analyze data to measure the 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 rowboats, 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; 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 is 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 fall and spring 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

## **WORKING FOR CITY PARKS FOUNDATION**

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\[at\]CityParksFoundation.org](mailto:education[at]CityParksFoundation.org). Put "Coastal Classroom Afterschool, Lead Educator" in the subject header.

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