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Teacher, elementary outdoor field science

The Riverwood Conservancy is searching for a teacher with a spark. Located at Riverwood in central Mississauga, this full-time, 3.25 month maternity leave position starts March 23 and ends June 30 2020.

You are an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher, capable of delivering and leading *Education Naturally*, a curriculum-linked, outdoor environmental science program to elementary school students, including students with special needs.

Reporting to the Director of Program and Operations, you will train and supervise volunteers and occasional staff who support program set-up, delivery and clean-up. You will liaise with the Volunteer Coordinator on volunteer matters. This position is supported by an Education Committee team consisting of partners from Peel District SB, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District SB, University Toronto Mississauga and Credit Valley Conservation. You will liaise with the Conservation Specialist on stewardship lessons. Experience with teaching secondary school Field Science programs / curriculum will be considered a highly desirable asset.

Your responsibilities:

- Coordinate and deliver *Education Naturally*, an environmental education program that reflects current Ontario Provincial Ministry of Education Science Guidelines, with an emphasis on students in grades 1 to 8;
- Provide pre-visit planning information to teachers to support their visit to Riverwood;
- Supervise, train and direct supportive volunteers and occasional teachers; monitor and mentor co-op students;
- Track all student visit data;
- Deliver *Art Naturally*, a program in partnership with Visual Arts Mississauga;
- Integrate natural areas stewardship messages into school visits;
- Provide leadership at the monthly Education Committee meeting;
- Maintain teaching equipment and aquaria; order materials as needed;
- Assist the secondary school teacher, on an as needed basis, in the delivery of secondary school programs.

The ideal candidate will possess the following:

- A minimum of three years experience delivering programs that support Ontario Provincial Ministry of Education Science Curriculum and guidelines, and experience dealing and delivering programs to younger students;
- Experience teaching in an outdoor setting is an asset;

- A keen interest in science and a naturalist background that sparks enthusiasm in students;
- A Degree in a Science discipline such as Biology, Ecology, Botany, Environmental Studies, Geology or similar area of study;
- A sense of humour and patience;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well as strong time management, administrative and organizational skills;
- Certification in CPR and First Aid; excellent knowledge of Health and Safety regulations as they relate to the delivery of the education program is a requirement;
- A successful Vulnerable Sector Check is a pre-requisite for this position;
- Previous experience working with volunteers would be considered an asset;
- The ability to “think on your feet” is considered a valuable trait for this position;
- The ability to work in a physically challenging outdoor environment;
- This position requires a solid knowledge of basic computer programs such as MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel.
- Previous experience in administrative functions such as report writing would be considered an asset.

The salary for this short term maternity leave contract is \$12,500. Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume *and a cover letter* by email (in Word or PDF format only please) by Monday March 16, 2020 at 8 a.m. to:

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TRC thanks everyone for applying but resources allow us to reply only to those candidates who are selected for an interview.