

ENVIRONMENTAL INSTRUCTOR

Do you have a love for the outdoors and working with learners of all ages? Are you looking for a flexible work schedule that incorporates a team-based approach? Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) is looking for energetic, motivated and reliable individuals to join our team of Environmental Instructors (E.I.s).

The mission of Brandywine Red Clay Alliance is to promote the restoration, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources within the Brandywine and Red Clay Watersheds. BRC organizes volunteers for action, connects students of all ages and recreation enthusiasts to the outdoors, improves the quality and quantity of water, and unites our members in standing tall for the natural resources of our communities. We educate over 10,000 students a year and continue to restore impaired streams through our Red Streams Blue program to ensure that they meet drinking water standards.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Environmental Instructors lead hands-on environmental education and natural history programming for students ages preschool through adult. They are responsible for carrying out the educational mission of the BRC through meaningful experiences with an emphasis on hands-on field activities that demonstrate the interconnectedness of living organisms and the watershed on which they rely. Programming includes, but is not limited to, school groups, scout groups, tabling events and public programs. During the primary education season, average hours for an E.I. range from 3 - 20 hours per week depending on time commitment and experience level. Instructors must have daytime hours availability during the spring and fall seasons. Some evening and weekend hours are preferred.

INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ Participate in a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer program observation and/or team-teaching before independently teaching a program
- ❖ Enthusiastically lead a variety of hands-on programs while fulfilling the program goals and science standards outlined in the lesson plans
- ❖ Lead programs either onsite or at outreach locations
- ❖ Organize, setup and clean up program supplies before and after scheduled programs in allotted time
- ❖ Willingness to learn new content and expand personal limitations
- ❖ Lead school and scout programming, and help with tabling events as needed
- ❖ Attend paid staff trainings (1 per season and others as needed)
- ❖ Be available to lead at least one day of programming per month
- ❖ Represent BRC and lead programs in a professional manner
- ❖ Serve as a role model for environmental stewardship
- ❖ Submit accurate timesheets (program hours worked and travel time – if applicable)

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Previous experience working with children, degree in science and/or knowledge of science and local natural history topics
- ❖ Current Act 33/34, 151 and 114 clearances
- ❖ Reliable transportation and punctuality
- ❖ Flexibility and willingness to work both individually and in a team-based environment to meet program needs.
- ❖ Effective time management and oral communication skills
- ❖ Willingness to teach outdoors in inclement weather conditions
- ❖ Ability to hike terrain while carrying tools/supplies needed for programs

COMPENSATION:

\$10.90 to start. Progressive hourly pay scale. Paid trainings. Employee discount for summer camp programs.

TO APPLY:

Please email or send a cover letter, current resume and three references to jsteiner@brandywineredclay.org with "Environmental Instructor Position" in the subject line, or mail to:

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c/o Julia Steiner Education Coordinator
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