



Traveling Naturalist - Field Educator 2

Job title	<i>Traveling Naturalist – Field Educator 2</i>	FTE/status	<i>32-40 hours/week (12 weeks at 40 hours/week – based on program need)</i>
Reports to	<i>Education Director</i>	Salary Range	<i>\$17.50/hour</i>

This job description is intended to convey information essential to understanding the scope of the job and the general nature and level of work performed by job holders within this job. This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of qualifications, skills, efforts, duties, responsibilities or working conditions associated with the position.

Job purpose

Wenatchee River Institute’s Traveling Naturalist - Field Educator 2 is a program leadership role within the Field Education Program, responsible for a specific programmatic focus area. This position focuses on the Traveling Naturalist program, specifically expanding the program to teach in classrooms and includes a summer component for youth from the seasonal farm worker housing camp. The classroom component will include monthly visits to school classrooms and one or two field trips per class annually (to local sites and/or Wenatchee River Institute). This position is grant funded with the potential for extensions.

Duties and responsibilities

The Traveling Naturalist – Field Educator 2 is responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of field education programs at WRI within a specific programmatic focus area. The following list of job duties is not an exhaustive list of all tasks associated with the position.

Responsibility: Program Development

- Develop lessons and activities for Traveling Naturalist programs
- Recruit schools and classes to participate in the Traveling Naturalist program
- Develop system for including youth from seasonal farm worker housing camp in summer camps
- Recruit volunteers to work with the Traveling Naturalist program

Responsibility: Program Implementation & Operations

- Lead program coordination in focus program area – including contacting teachers and schools and setting schedules for classroom visits and field trips
- Teach hands-on, science education programs in both classroom and outdoor settings at school sites in regional schools and Wenatchee River Institute campus
- Operate and maintain lab equipment and field equipment
- Manage participants’ physical, social, and emotional safety/risk
- Teach programs independently and as part of a team
- Train, assist, and support volunteers and high school interns

Responsibility: Program Sustainability

- Support Wenatchee River Institute mission and community outreach
- Share in campus stewardship responsibilities
- Take photos of programs and manage for social media and marketing use

Qualifications

The candidate must be organized, self-motivated, outgoing, reliable, punctual, able to work independently without direct supervision, and be an effective, positive team member.

Minimum Qualifications include:

- Relevant experience teaching youth in a formal or informal capacity
- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field or equivalent experience
- Commitment to stewardship, conservation, and connecting youth to the natural world
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within teaching and community
- Ability to get to Wenatchee River Institute and other programming sites in and around the region
- Current First Aid and CPR certifications (or ability to obtain upon hire)
- Pass a background check
- A valid driver's license and a clear driving record

Working conditions

Wenatchee River Institute maintains a positive work environment allowing for staff to work in various locations and have flexibility in scheduling depending on workload and programming. Employees are expected to dress and act in an appropriately professional manner at all times while representing WRI, use good judgement and make sound decisions in the absence of specific directions. Working hours will vary depending on programming, some weekend, holiday and evening work may be required of all staff.

Physical requirements

The Traveling Naturalist - Field Educator 2 will regularly be working with staff, students, and volunteers in an outdoor setting. Candidates must be physically fit and capable of strenuous work on uneven terrain. Candidates must also have the ability to work in variable weather conditions (heat, rain, snow) and have adequate personal outdoor clothing to ensure comfort.

Direct reports

None.

Benefits

- Medical, dental, and vision insurance
- Paid time off: vacation, sick leave, and holidays
- Work in a beautiful setting as part of a dedicated team

To Apply

Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to:

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Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, with first interviews tentatively slated for Friday, September 6, 2019.