



Job Title: Lead Teacher and/or Assistant Director for Wonder in the Wild Outdoor School

Schedule: Part-time (20 hours/week), September through early June, Tuesday-Thursday, opportunity to work 2-4 weeks summer camp

Location: Based on the property of Talisman Therapeutic Riding at 172 Blue Ribbon Lane, Grasonville, MD

Compensation: \$20/hour

Position Overview:

Wonder in the Wild Outdoor School is seeking a new Lead Teacher and/or Assistant Director! Join our team as we build upon a child's sense of wonder and passion for play to inspire curiosity, environmental stewardship, and community connection. We are an outdoor, nature-based program offering classes for preschool, homeschool, school-aged students or "explorers" and families. This role blends teaching, childcare and supervision, administrative coordination, and leadership in a fun, child-centered, and rich outdoor learning environment. This position works closely with the Executive Director and other lead teachers to ensure a safe, educational, and welcoming experience for children, families, and staff.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist in planning and implementing nature-based and emergent curriculum for preschool, elementary, and homeschool-age children with a team of 2-3 educators
- Supervise and engage with groups up to 15 children in an outdoor setting, creating a safe and welcoming environment
- Document student growth through observation and portfolios
- Support social-emotional development through connection-based practices
- Help train and coordinate volunteers and interns
- Assist in communicating with families and the general community through in-person meetings and public events, emails, and social media posts
- Organize and maintain program materials, supplies, and classroom
- Ensure compliance with safety guidelines and organizational policies
- Step in for Director in the event of their absence

Qualifications:

- Experience and passion for working with children in preschool, elementary, and/or homeschool settings
- Love of nature and playful spirit
- Experience or familiarity with outdoor, nature-based, or play-based education
- Strong knowledge of child development stages and needs
- Ability to attend to the individual needs of children while managing the larger group
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively and take initiative
- Comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions
- CPR/First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain)
- Pass a criminal background check

Preferred Qualifications:

- College degree or professional background in early childhood education, environmental education, or a related field
- Prior leadership experience
- Ability to work 2-4 weeks of summer camp
- Bookkeeping
- Marketing

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to see, hear, and guide children at all times
- Ability to comfortably spend extended periods of time outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to walk, hike, get up and down from the ground, and lift up to 50 lbs. as needed