

Seasonal Part-Time Forest School Assistant Educator  
Eastern Ridge School  
Job Description

The Eastern Ridge School is seeking an Assistant Educator for half-day nature-immersive summer program. At ERS we value the rich experiences that come from being outdoors—hiking, climbing, jumping in puddles, turning over logs and gazing up at the trees. The natural world teaches us about ourselves and what we are capable of doing. Giving children time to explore in the forest is one of the best ways to nurture this awareness.

A successful candidate should be a minimum of 18 years of age, have a genuine interest in environmental science, education, the outdoors, and conservation. Candidates must be flexible and exhibit a willingness to perform a variety of tasks, from crouching low to the ground to build tiny houses made of leaves and sticks, supervising muddy exploration, or lifting and/or moving up to 40 pounds. Assistant Educators work under Summer Educators to deliver outdoor programs to school students aged 6-9, aimed at fostering a sense of wonder and inquiry about the natural world.

Position runs June-August.

#### Responsibilities

- Support a group of 12 students aged 6-9: including interacting with children in a supportive, respectful, and open-minded manner, using positive language and discipline, and making sure students are safe and supported all in a forest environment.
- Support outdoor/environmental activities such as hiking, building shelters, and other similar activities
- Spend considerable time with children outdoors daily, in all weather conditions (up to 4 hours).

#### Specific Qualifications and Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age
- Must be friendly, energetic, and creative
- Experience with hiking and familiarity with Leave No Trace principles
- Interest in education, specifically environmental/outdoor education or working with young children
- Experience working with students preferred (tutor, mentor, camp counselor)
- Ability to spend considerable time on your feet and lift up to 40 lbs.