Watershed Educator Position Posting

Sunol AgPark Farming in the Watershed 4th - 6th Grade Field Trip Program

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) in partnership with the San Francisco Public Utilities (SFPUC) is seeking 1-2 experienced agricultural/environmental educators to teach Farming in the Watershed lessons to 4th—6th grade classes at the AgPark and bay area schools.

The SFPUC’s Sunol AgPark, is home to six small farming enterprises on 18 acres in the Alameda Watershed. It is managed by the ACRCD with a focus on natural resource stewardship and engaging the public through educational programs.

The AgPark’s educational programs provide field trips for schools in San Francisco, SFPUC water districts, area schools with 60 to 70 percent of students participating in the school lunch program, and schools local to the AgPark.

Field trips generally run from 10 am to 1:15 pm on weekdays in spring and fall months. Field trips and include an introductory farm tour, a Farming in the Watershed lesson, and a hands-on farm activity, spaced around a snack/lunch break. AgPark Teachers lead a group of around 15 students per field trip. Teaching some in-school classes for elementary school students and some service-learning classes for older students may also be possible.

Position Overview

Reporting to the Watershed Education Coordinator, the primary duties of Watershed Educators 1 & 2 are to prepare for and teach watershed educational programs for 4th to 6th grades at the Sunol AgPark and/or at area schools as needed; and to provide associated tasks as needed to implement these and other watershed educational programs.
Typical Duties and Responsibilities

Field trip programs:
• Arrive at AgPark 1.5 hours before scheduled program to plan the day and set up activities.
• Teach for 3 to 3.5 hours; allow time for school teachers to complete evaluations.
• Remain after the program for approximately 1 hour for clean-up and debrief.
• Complete Educator Evaluation form.
• Document supply needs and provide list to Education Coordinator
• Notify Education Coordinator or lead teacher immediately about all urgent issues.

In-school Programs:
• Arrive at school in time to register in school office, locate room and set up.
• Teach 1, 2, or 3 classes.
• Provide and pick up school teacher’s completed program evaluation.
• Sign-out of school office.
• Complete online lesson evaluation and provide Education Coordinator with school teacher's evaluation.
• Document supply needs and provide list to Education Coordinator.
• Notify Education Coordinator immediately about all urgent issues.

Duties
• Participate in orientation, training and planning meetings as requested by Education Coordinator and ACRC.
• Maintain necessary communications with schools, Education Coordinator and ACRC as needed and in a timely manner.

Additional services, such as making presentations, tabling at events and working on the children’s garden may be added from time to time by mutual agreement. Watershed educators when needed may assist in marketing and promoting field trips, scheduling field trips, coordinating with school teachers, arranging for buses, updating spreadsheets and maintaining a master calendar.

The work place for Field Trip programs and other tasks will be the Sunol AgPark and at schools for the in-school program.

Qualifications and Experience
• At least 2 years of experience teaching agricultural and/or environmental education programs for diverse audiences of school-age children;
• Ability to work independently and as a part of a team;
• Excellent communications skills, professionalism and interpersonal skills;
• Availability to work at the Sunol AgPark in Sunol 4 – 8 days (~8:30 am to 2 pm) in the months of September, October, November, March, April and May;
• Current connections with Bay Area schools and teachers and Spanish language fluency are a plus.
Compensation
The positions are part-time, pay $27-$32 per hour depending on experience and will extend through December 30, 2019. Due to the nature of the teaching schedule and associated tasks, work hours will vary from day to day and week to week and need to be flexible for tasks and meetings with Education Coordinator, other educators, and ACRCD. Field Trips are generally 5.5 hours (3.5 hours teaching, 2 hours of set-up, clean-up, debriefing). Hours may not exceed 29.5 hours per week. Schedule will be coordinated with Watershed Education Coordinator.

How to Apply
Please send a cover letter, resume, general teaching availability in spring (March-May) and fall 2019 (September-early November), three references, and any supporting materials to nancy.ceridwyn@gmail.com

NOTE: Applicant will be required to complete and clear a Department of Justice background check to remain in the position. An employment package of forms for ACRCD are required upon accepting the position. Tuberculosis screening is also required.