



Friends of Sausal Creek

PROMOTING WATERSHED AWARENESS

Education Specialist Position

The Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) in Oakland, California, is seeking an education specialist to support its outdoor education programs. FOSC is a community-based grassroots nonprofit organization working to promote awareness and appreciation of the Sausal Creek Watershed, and inspire action that will help preserve and protect the creek and its watershed as both natural and community resources.

Definition

FOSC's summer programming with youth consists of four parts: (1) developing and adapting curriculum; (2) leading three Team Oakland high school job training crews (15-18 year olds) in habitat restoration stewardship projects on Thursdays and Fridays for six weeks starting on July 7; (3) co-leading environmental lessons for 100 Team Oakland crew members on two Wednesdays (exact dates TBD); and (4) leading City of Oakland Parks and Recreation summer campers (6-15 year olds) in education and restoration activities on Tuesdays (one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon) for nine weeks starting on June 14. Activities with both groups include environmental lessons, habitat restoration, and environmental education projects in the redwoods and along the creek, and native species propagation at FOSC's native plant nursery in Joaquin Miller Park. All preparation, training, and planning will take place in June.

Terms and Schedule

This is a temporary position, without benefits. The term of the position is early June to mid-August, with a possibility of extension through the 2016-17 school year. The rate of pay is \$18/hour. The number of hours required will range from seven to ten hours per week during the four week training period, to 16-20 hours per week when both the summer camp and Team Oakland programs are in session. The selected candidate will be responsible for his/her own transportation. Workers' Compensation Insurance is provided. A background check, TB test, and proof of personal auto insurance are required. Travel to and from work sites and work-related meetings is not reimbursable.

General Characteristics and Required Skills

- Undergraduate degree
- Experience leading outdoor environmental education activities
- Knowledge of the theory and practice of habitat restoration and ecology
- Demonstrated interest in environmental and social justice issues
- Experience working with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Experience facilitating groups is necessary
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Fluency in Spanish is a plus

The specialist should have the ability to:

- Help develop environmental, cultural, and natural history curriculum
- Plan for and independently lead environmental lessons with school-aged children (6-18 years old), including educating participants on the organization and the watershed
- Lead habitat restoration and nursery stewardship projects, including educating participants on the worksite and tool safety
- Lift 40 pounds and enjoy working in outdoor conditions
- Use word-processing, database, and spreadsheet software

Selection Process

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until May 28, 2016, with priority given to earlier applications. To apply, please email a resume and thoughtful cover letter to Restoration Manager Michelle Krieg at field@sausalcreek.org.