

Job Announcement

Part-Time Environmental Art Education Program Presenter

Part-time position Tuesdays and Thursdays presenting the "Watershed Expressions" art program in fourth grade classrooms in Alameda County. Conduct an engaging, fast paced lesson that combines learning about protecting creeks, watersheds and SF Bay from pollution with a creative painting activity. Must be comfortable interacting with students in a classroom setting. Complete training in program content and delivery is provided. Need recent coursework in environmental studies or natural science, art training and experience teaching elementary school age youth. The Watershed Expressions presentations are part of the Watershed Adventures program which is now in its 16th year!

Job Duties

- Travel from your home to schools throughout western Alameda County to conduct a 75-minute presentation in fourth grade classrooms (will typically go to two or three classes at one school each day.)
- Be available to work Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 AM and 3:00PM; not all days are booked, and some may be half days only.
- Teach students how to care for their watershed and creeks through an art activity that involves watercolor painting, oil-resist technique and design of fish with anti-pollution "inventions". This presentation is called "Watershed Expressions"; it is preceded by a "Watershed Explorers" presentation that takes place in the same classroom one week earlier that teaches watershed awareness, and water pollution prevention.
- Conduct the same presentation for each class using a set curriculum; training provided.
- Some preparation of materials in advance of presentation. Store materials at your home.
- Set-up, present program and clean up materials for each classroom presentation.

Job Requirements:

- Art background/education sufficient to teach water color/oil resist activity, drawing
- Experience teaching elementary school children; demonstrated classroom management skills, enthusiasm for teaching 9-11 year olds.
- Understanding of the basics of environmental concepts related to watershed awareness and protection, and a willingness to learn how they are presented specifically for our program. Environmental studies coursework required. Program-specific training is provided.
- Strong oral communication skills; able to give lively and enthusiastic presentations
- Organized, neat, punctual, detail oriented, self-motivated, reliable, on-time.
- Able to lift equipment up to 40 lbs.
- Must have reliable car; able to read street maps and navigate way throughout west Alameda County to schools (travel expenses and travel time reimbursed). Must reside in (or very near to) Alameda County due to limited funds available for mileage.
- Must have daily access to reliable computer with printer, be proficient in using email, and have phone (with voicemail).
- Able to start work early AM; may need to arrive at schools as early as 8:00.

Additional Job Information:

Hiring: Please respond ASAP; position open until filled.

Pay: \$18 per hour. Travel time and mileage reimbursed.

Hours: Approx. 6-12 hours per week between 8:00 AM and 3 PM- Tuesdays and Thursdays. Schedule of presentations is set 2-4 weeks in advance.

Duration: Beginning of November 2009 through mid- May 2010 (excluding school holiday and testing periods)

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your resume to:

Cynthia Butler, Alameda County RCD

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Questions? Phone (925) 371—0154 x 412

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