VHCB AmeriCorps

Environmental Educator

North Branch Nature Center Montpelier, VT

Do you have a passion for the wonders of the natural world? Put your passion into practice! Join North Branch Nature Center in inspiring and teaching people of all ages about the wonders of nature through outdoor experiences, stewardship, citizen science projects, and lessons in natural history.

This position is part of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps (VHCB AmeriCorps). The VHCB AmeriCorps program supports the innovative dual-goal approach to creating stable affordable housing opportunities for Vermont residents while preserving the natural and working landscape. VHCB AmeriCorps is a national service program that places members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

NBNC's mission is to connect people of all ages with the natural world. The goal of the Environmental Educator position is to help us demonstrate and share our mission by teaching, organizing community events, and helping with ongoing citizen science projects.

Essential Functions:

- Co-teach elementary students and collaborate with teachers as part of our Educating Children Outdoors program in local public schools
- Co-teach afterschool programs
- Plan and teach summer camp programs for children ages 4-14
- Participate in an Independent Service Project under the guidance of VHCB AmeriCorps
- Participate in VHCB AmeriCorps Trainings, Service Days, Events, and Program Initiatives.
- Engage in professional and personal development activities and networking opportunities.

Secondary Functions:

- Host and present natural history programs
- Assist with citizen science projects
- Support Robin's Nest and Forest Preschool early childhood programs
- Education facilities maintenance as relevant to AmeriCorps service
- Outreach for programs by using social media and postering

Desired Qualifications:

- Some teaching experience and strong public speaking skills
- High comfort level serving outside with groups
- General knowledge of New England natural history
- Ability to serve independently and as part of a team
- Strong organizational skills and service ethic
- Self-starter with strong initiative and follow through
- A bachelor's degree in education, natural resources, or a related field
- Willingness to comply with federal regulations requiring background checks

Serve. Experience. Lead

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status;
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation or 17 years of age with verified parental permission;
- Be a high school graduate, have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards a GED as part of the service-term. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps.
- Willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check;
- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program's ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in all required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.
- Available to regularly serve 40 hours per week

Additional Information:

Service is to be performed primarily outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Service will require frequent hikes over uneven and steep terrain.

Position begins March 2nd, 2020 and ends August 28th, 2020.

This position is **Half Time:** Requires 900 hours for an average of 40 hours per week for 26 weeks. Member will receive a living allowance of $10,800 (pre-tax), and an education award of $3,047.50 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training and networking opportunities.

This position (does) have recurring access to vulnerable populations (youth, persons over 60, individuals with disabilities).

To Apply: https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-americorps/positions

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

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Application deadline: February 18th, 2020

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at *www.americorps.org.*

The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) is sponsoring this AmeriCorps position through their AmeriCorps Program. VHCB is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions are open to all

applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran's status, religion or creed.

Member Name:_____ Signature:_____