



Job Description

Nature-based Early Childhood Education

Classroom Teacher

Overview:

Wonderbloom Nature Playschool is a non-profit, licensed, nature-based early childhood education (ECE) program. Wonderbloom was the first nature-based preschool to be established in Salt Lake City. We were inspired by the philosophy of European "Forest Schools," where children spend most of their school time outdoors -- learning through interaction with nature. Nature-based learning is increasing in popularity throughout the United States because these types of schools have many benefits - some of which include: increased creativity, greater impulse control, stronger immune system, reduced obesity, better psychological well-being, advanced cognitive skills, increased positive social skills, and more positive attitudes toward nature and the environment. Wonderbloom is based in an urban outdoor classroom center and we take a holistic approach to learning by focusing on Mind (developmentally-appropriate school readiness), Body (yoga and organic nutrition), and Soul (relationships with each other and nature). www.wonderbloom.org

Starting Date:

ASAP, Open Until Filled

Part-time (20 hours/week), 8:00am-12:00pm or 12:00-4:00

Ideal Candidate:

The ideal candidate has training in early childhood education and embodies an interest in, and passion for, nature-based learning. In addition, the candidate will have strong lesson planning skills, be self-motivated, and communicate empathetically and confidently with children, parents, and supervisors. The candidate will be organized, reliable, and impervious to the natural elements. It is important that the candidate is motivated to deal with the challenges of a start-up school and provide flexibility and innovation with the team.

Key Responsibilities:

- Generate outdoor, nature-based lesson plans that reflect the values, mission and vision of the school using an Emergent Curriculum approach.
- Co-manage a class of 2-5.5 years old and provide a safe and supportive environment both indoor and outdoor.
- Assess and evaluate the effectiveness of lesson plans.
- Coordinate with Co-Teacher and Parent Volunteers to implement the daily schedule.
- Plan, prep, serve, and clean up snacks.
- Strictly adhere to school's policies and procedures in conjunction with regulations set forth by the Department of Health's Child Care Licensing program.
- Set up and take down indoor and outdoor classroom
- Work with the team to develop the programs.
- Determine individual student needs and goals and track progress.

- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Help with annual fundraisers and annual open houses.
- Other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience:

- Associate degree or similar in Early Childhood Education or a related field.
- Experience teaching children ages 2-5.5 years old in a commercial group setting.
- Comfortable spending up to 5 hours per day outside, in all weather conditions.
- Strong planning, organizing, and management skills.
- Demonstrated verbal and written skills.
- Comfortable with word processing and other computer and internet-based programs.

Requirements:

Candidate will be required to complete and pay for the following (to be reimbursed after 90 days of employment):

- A rigorous background check (\$18), including fingerprinting (\$33.25)
- Food Handler's Permit (\$30)
- Infant and Child CPR/First Aid Certification (\$110)

Supervision:

This position reports to the Center Director. Continued employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a 30-day Review from start date and an Annual Review thereafter.

Salary Range and Benefits:

\$14-\$16/hr, depending on education and experience

- Salary is reviewed annually with a 2-4% pay increase each year.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance for workplace injuries.
- Paid Federal and State Holidays. +96 hours of PTO (prorated depending on date of hire)
- Life, Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance provided.
- Dependent Care FSA, Medical FSA, and 401k options.
- Teacher's children ages 2.5-5.5 may attend preschool for free as long as minimum enrollment is met. Max 2 children.

To apply:

Submit resume and cover letter to lianna.lopez@wonderbloom.org

Race, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Statement:

Wonderbloom will not discriminate in hiring staff on the basis of race, age, gender, religion, cultural heritage, political beliefs, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. We are paying attention to marginalized voices and taking steps to combat inequality. We acknowledge that we need to actively promote anti-racism in our programs and conversations.