



Solano Resource Conservation District Position Announcement

Position Title: Seasonal Program Educator

Introduction: The employer is the Board of Directors of the Solano Resource Conservation District (Solano RCD), and day to day supervision will be under the Education Program Director. The title of the position is Program Educator. This position is approximately 25-50% of full time equivalent (FTE) hours when field trips are in season (October-May). Consistent hours are not guaranteed and may vary due to funding.

Location: This position is currently located in the Dixon Field Office of the Solano Resource Conservation District in Solano County, California. Program Educators may present classroom lessons at K-12 schools and colleges in cities (Rio Vista, Dixon, Vacaville, Fairfield, Vallejo and Benicia) and unincorporated areas throughout Solano County. Field trip locations include several open spaces, city and state parks, park corridors, and privately managed areas throughout Solano County. These locations vary in terms of accessibility, elevation, size, climate, visitation/attendance and ecology.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: Under the direction of the Education Program Director, the Program Educator will provide classroom and/or field trip instruction for the Suisun Marsh Watershed Program, the School Water Education Program (SWEP), the High School Biomonitoring Program and/or the Watershed Explorers Program. Additional opportunities, including new programs and community outreach, may be available. The educator will lead groups of 10-20 students through several environmental education or restoration activities at various locations. The educator should have a background working with children, knowledge of the local flora and fauna, and appropriate enthusiasm and class management skills to lead and excite students ages 8-18 in nature-based settings.

The Suisun Marsh Watershed Education Program serves sixth grade students and runs September-December. The Watershed Explorers Program works with third grade students and runs January-May. The School Water Education Program runs year-round and serves grades K-12. The High School Biomonitoring Program runs January-May and serves high school and occasionally college students. Program activities typically occur between 8am and 2pm. Educators will work 0-20 hours per week depending on the month.

For more information on these programs, and to view videos of previous years' programming, please visit our website at solanorcd.org.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in the biological or physical sciences, K-12 education, or related subject; AND
- A minimum of two years' experience in a related field (environmental or outdoor education, resource interpretation, classroom education, museum/nature center guide or docent, etc.). Four years of relevant experience may substitute for the education requirement.
- A valid driver's license, liability vehicle insurance, and a reliable vehicle or the ability to travel reliably.
- Applicant must have the ability to lift up to 50 pounds. Applicant must have the ability work outdoors in wildland settings, which may include exposure to insects and wildlife, temperature extremes, extreme or elevated terrain, and inclement weather.
- Applicant should be a team player with an ability to work with staff and students who have a diverse range of backgrounds, motivations and interests.
- Applicant must pass a background check (live scan) upon hire.

Applicants who do not meet these minimum requirements will not be considered.

Desired Skills:

- Experience working with children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and grade levels.
- Basic knowledge of the principles of ecology and watershed science.
- Ability to successfully lead and excite a group of students.
- Familiarity with the Next Generation Science Standards and NGSS pedagogy.
- Excellent verbal communication skills with both children and adults.
- Knowledge of local flora and fauna.
- Ability to learn and understand program curricula, including new or current standards and trends.
- Strong time management and organization skills.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively as a member of a team

Compensation: DOE. No medical/health/dental or retirement benefits will be offered.

How to Apply: The position is open until filled. E-mail resume, cover letter, and a list of three references to Allison Martin at allison.meador@solanorcd.org.