ECOLOGY EDUCATOR
Position Description
Now Hiring for Fall 2020 Term!

The Ecology School is an organization that works hard to practice what we teach and to teach with intention. We provide residential and day ecology education programs for elementary and middle school students. We are committed to making every program empowering, informative, and fun for our students and pour our hearts, energy, and time into our work. Our Residential Programs are based in Poland, Maine, just a short trip away from the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire and the thriving city of Portland, Maine.

Our strong, supportive community of Educators live together onsite for the entirety of the term, allowing an opportunity to make lifelong connections with people from all across the country. Because of the unique bond that develops each term, a considerable network of alumni educators provides support and mentorship for newcomers.

The Ecology School’s administrative team works to maintain a strong support system to ensure that our staff can deliver their very best lessons. An integral part of our mission is to use laughter and storytelling as a key learning tool. This means our Educators are wearing costumes on a daily basis to perform educational skits that help our students make connections.

We are seeking new members of our Educator team. A successful Educator is someone ready to invest their time and energy into making our community, programs, and the experiences of our visiting schools the best that they can be. As an Educator, you will gain valuable teaching skills, as well as experience with, and insight into, a successful non-profit. We are looking for hard working individuals, who have a willingness to learn and desire to work with students as they develop their environmental literacy.

Compensation
College graduates receive a starting salary of $320 per week plus room and board, post-graduates receive a starting salary of $350 per week plus room and board. Room and board is provided for the duration of employment, including weekends. Returning Educators earn an additional $30 weekly each term they return up to $410/wk.

Outcomes
1. Experience designing and implementing lesson plans and adapting content to a wide variety of different learners.
2. A deeper understanding of your personal teaching style, strengths, and skillset.
3. Connection to our extended community of professional environmental educators who make up an informed, passionate, and fun-loving network.

Responsibilities
1. Plan and teach lessons to a group of approximately 10-12 students generally between 3rd and 8th grade.
2. Attend and participate in meals (usually sitting at a student table to share the meal and to engage students).
3. Help set up the site for the week on Monday and clean-up the site on Friday.
4. Attend all scheduled meetings, including all Staff Meetings, Teachers Meetings, and other meetings called as necessary.
5. Participate in pre-lesson educational skits and dinner theater.
7. Consult with classroom teachers and The Ecology School administrative team to make decisions regarding students' conduct.
8. Develop good rapport and positive relations with students, teachers, and other educators.
9. Perform various duties (3-5 per week) such as breakfast or lunch dishes, recreation or dorm supervision, and put-to-bed.
10. Live on-site in staff housing with co-workers.
11. Arrive with training in CPR and First Aid.

Qualifications
1. Ability to work long, often strenuous hours, mostly outdoors, managing groups of children.
2. Experience working with K-8 aged children.
3. BS or BA degree or equivalent life/work experience.
4. Willingness to learn content and methodology and an openness to feedback.

To apply, please submit an application (form found on website www.theecologyschool.org), cover letter, and resume to: Alexandra Grindle, Director of Programs, alex@theecologyschool.org. Positions will be filled on a rolling basis and applications accepted until positions are filled.

The Ecology School provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type with regards to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

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The Ecology School inspires stewardship of and connection to the natural world through nature-based, living lessons about ecology, conservation, farming, and sustainability.