

# **Trees For Tomorrow Employment Opening**

## **POSITION: (Full-Time) Environmental Science Educator- Early Childhood and Summer Programs Coordinator**

Department: Education

Time: Full Time, 40-hr week, some evenings and weekends as needed

**Accepting Applications until position filled**

Reports to: Education Manager

FLSA status: Non-exempt

**Start Date: Immediate**

**Live and Work in beautiful Eagle River, WI!** Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) is an accredited residential environmental education center in Eagle River WI that has been promoting conservation education since 1944. Today, TFT works with thousands of teachers, students, and other members of the public to promote sustainable natural resource management through transformative educational experiences. This is your chance to share your love for the outdoors with others, all while living and working in one of the most beautiful places in the Midwest!

**Environmental Science Educator Responsibilities** All TFT environmental educators are expected to:

- Teach environmental science to preK-12 groups in the forests and waters of Wisconsin's Northwoods
- Present courses and special programs in a knowledgeable, stimulating, engaging, and objective manner
- Guide participants of all ages and backgrounds in safe outdoor inquiry-based learning and activities.
- Work with education team to write and edit curriculum and assess student learning
- Operate all equipment related to course and program presentation.
- Interact with live program animals, and animal artifacts such as skulls, pelts, and other taxidermy.
- Other duties as assigned, including opportunities to create and coordinate programs you are passionate about!

**Early Childhood and Summer Programs Coordinator Responsibilities**

About TFT's Early Childhood Education Program: TFT's "KinderWild Camp" (KWC) is an outdoor learning program for 3-5 year olds held on Fridays. Each year, TFT hosts three 8-9 week sessions of KWC in the winter, spring, and fall. Each KWC day, children participate in a nature learning lesson/activity, make a craft, and explore outside. In the summer, TFT hosts a variety of Science Earth Exploration for Kids (SEEK) camps for youth: KinderSEEK (1/2 day program for ages 4-5), Jr. SEEK (1/2 day program for ages 6-7), and SEEK (full day program for ages 8-11). These camps focus on learning and having fun outdoors through hands-on experiences and lessons. TFT's Early Childhood and Summer Programs Coordinator works to:

- Create engaging and age-appropriate curriculum for KinderWild Camp (KWC) and summer youth programs.
- Work with TFT communications team to produce KWC and SEEK marketing materials including print and digital advertisements.
- Provide direction and communication to other educators who may teach KWC and summer programs.
- Work with TFT education team to teach, develop, and assess all of TFT's K-12 program curriculum

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in environmental sciences, biology, education, or related field preferred, though relevant experience may be considered in lieu of education.
- Experience in the field(s) of outdoor/environmental education, general education, or natural sciences
- Experience working in or knowledge of early childhood or pre-school settings preferred.
- Familiarity with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) preferred but not required.
- Current valid driver's license.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office.
- Ability to manage a group of students and chaperones (30+ at a time).

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## **Qualifications (continued):**

- Willingness to learn and teach outdoor skills such hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, fire building, etc.
- High sense of professionalism, strong team player, positive attitude
- Good organizational skills and self-motivated
- Willingness to interact with live program animals and taxidermy
- Ability to walk 5 miles per day with a 10lb pack over rough terrain, and lift 25 lbs. overhead
- Ability to drive a 15-passenger van with a canoe trailer
- Willingness to obtain a Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) and drive 70-passenger bus as needed

## **Benefits:**

- Low-rent, shared on-site housing available (employee will be required to contribute monthly rent for utilities)
- All meals provided when working with a group
- Flexible schedule and supportive team atmosphere
- Paid professional development including travel to state and regional conferences and membership in professional environmental and education organizations
- Pay competitive with other environmental education centers in the region

**To Apply: email cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Kim Feller at [kim@treesfortomorrow.com](mailto:kim@treesfortomorrow.com)**