



Job Description: Teacher Naturalist – The Woods Project Camp

Reports to: Program Manager

Position Type: Full-time Summer positions available

Start/End Date: June 21, 2021 through July 24, 2021

Summary:

Are you an environmentalist or outdoor enthusiast who wants to help shape the future and change the world one student at a time? Join the ONSC team of Teacher Naturalists (TNs)! TNs take students into the Ozarks for overnight wilderness immersion programs. For many students, this is a trip that changes their life and opens their eyes to how the natural world is connected and essential for human survival. TNs help students understand nature through hands-on science, inspire appreciation of nature through explorative play, and teach stewardship through a love of the natural world.

During The Woods Project camp, we will be leading groups of high school students on 6-day programs including wilderness exploration through hiking and education in the Ozarks. TNs will instruct students in the natural sciences as they hike with students along the trails at ONSC, float on the Kings River, and explore Lost Valley and Eden Falls.

At ONSC, the TN is the front-line educational staff for all ONSC programming and program-related operations. TNs lead educational activities including interpretive hikes/field investigations on the trail, interactive classes in field and classroom and various other activities.

The Woods Project summer camp consists of 5 weeks of full-time work. Each individual program includes 3 days at ONSC, 1 day floating the Kings River, 1 day hiking Lost Valley and a half day service project doing research and clearing cedars from the ONSC glade. Work hours are determined based on a 5.5-day program, with multiple programs conducted during the 5-week schedule of camp. Teacher Naturalists are typically assigned to programs in their entirety. TN's are required to stay onsite overnight during assigned programming (housing provided).

Through this one-of-a-kind opportunity, TNs are not only paid and housed, but also given a professional development experience that exceeds a simple workshop or class. Each season begins with an intensive training, followed by additional shadowing, coaching, and evaluations. Each TN is a wealth of knowledge, just like you, so the learning amongst the TN team members is ongoing and encouraged. Don't pass up this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Apply today and help us enhance the understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the Ozark Natural Environment!

NOTE: This summer, we will be hiring Teachers Naturalists for two summer camps: The Woods Project (June 21 - July24) and AEGIS Project Wet'n'Wild (July 24 - July31). Learn more and apply for the TN position for the AEGIS Wet'n'Wild camp here:

<https://www.onsc.us/employment>.

Qualifications:

- BS/BA degree required. Degrees in environmental or natural science (i.e. biology, geology, environmental science, ecology) preferred
- Passion for the ONSC mission and genuine appreciation for the natural world and conservation
- Demonstrated time management skills
- Speaking and oral presentation skills
- Physical ability to hike long distances, over uneven terrain, in summer heat and varying weather conditions
- CPR & basic First Aid - Wilderness First Aid preferred
- Ability to work as a team

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teach, manage, and lead groups of program participants of high school age in the field
- Participate in staff training
- Provide first-aid to injured/sick students
- Reside on-site during the overnight stays of students
- Provide logistical and supervisory support for ONSC programs and participants, including during ONSC meals, student/guest orientation, and the maintenance of facilities and equipment
- Ensure, at all times, the safety of students and peers and other ONSC guests to the best of your ability
- Knowledgeably use, maintain, and return all teaching and safety equipment assigned at the time of your departure
- To be maintained in an appropriate manner, staff housing is provided for you during your time of employment at ONSC
- Provide on-call availability for emergencies during the entirety of your scheduled programming

Additional Duties:

- Collaborate with the team to create a cohesive and safe work culture in which all are able to contribute effectively to ONSC's mission.
- Actively participate in appropriate group briefing and debriefing meetings
- Organize personal equipment and supplies in preparation for field science instruction duties, including, but not limited to: backpack supplies, hand-held radios, water bottles, etc.
- Represent ONSC in the community at large
- Maintain active communication with the Program Manager on issues of importance relating to programming and operations
- Other duties as assigned.

Compensation:

- \$480.00 per 40-hour work week
 - Staff housing provided with all utilities
 - Meals provided when programming is in session

- *An opportunity to share your love of the natural world with an amazing and supportive team of naturalists while sparking and feeding the love of nature in the next generation - priceless!!!*

ONSC celebrates diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. We seek employees, volunteers, and interns from a wide variety of backgrounds. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, veteran status, education, culture, or any other federal, state or local protected class.

How to Apply:

Please apply by submitting your resume, cover letter, and 3 references to Renee Valentine, Program Manager: renee.valentine@onsc.us, or call 479-202-8340 for more information.