



Outdoor/Environmental Educator

Mission:

Christodora is a non-profit, non-sectarian operating foundation offering environmental education and leadership training to motivated New York City public school students. Christodora's mission is to encourage the positive educational and developmental growth of New York City's youth through stimulating educational and challenging outdoor programs.

Outdoor/Environmental Educators:

Christodora has openings for applicants who aspire to educate urban youth both inside the city classroom and outdoors at a residential education center. Educators begin teaching in NYC as an Environmental Educator (EE) and bring an inquiry based environmental curriculum to our partner school classrooms during Christodora's Winter Ecology Program (WEP) - then go to the Manice Education Center in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts in the spring of 2018.

Training Opportunities:

Educators receive hands-on training in the delivery of an experientially driven curriculum, challenge course training and challenge course facilitation experience, and ongoing professional development as an outdoor and environmental educator.

Dates of Position:

MEC Fall Session 2017: September 5th – October 28th, 2017

NYC Winter Ecology Teaching Program: November 2017 – Mid April 2018

MEC Spring Session 2018: Mid April 2018 to Mid June 2018

**NOTE: Up to approximately 2 weeks of paid time off are included.*

Responsibilities in the Winter Ecology Program in NYC (WEP):

- Develop/present ecology based environmental lessons with experiential and inquiry based approaches to classrooms in our partner NYC public schools for 2 seven week semesters.
- Facilitate day trips to environmental/cultural institutions and natural areas in NYC.
- Participate in Christodora's afterschool programs.
- Attend Christodora-MEC reunions.

Responsibilities at MEC:

- Develop and deliver experientially focused educational opportunities for students ages 11-18 in environmental science and leadership training courses
- Lead youth in service projects to improve publicly used wilderness areas and trails.
- Facilitate low ropes course elements and group initiatives
- Safely lead groups on day hikes.
- Overnight supervision of students (max. 7) in cabin style tents.

Educational staff at the Manice Education Center (MEC) work closely together in a supportive atmosphere teaching small, coed groups (10-12 students) of New York City (NYC) public school students in a variety of outdoor classroom settings. Together, all educators on staff facilitate debates, science labs, cooperative games, group initiatives, and campfires for groups of approximately forty students. Educators in our spring sessions will lead 3-day field trips at MEC for our partner public schools in NYC.

Qualifications:

- Energetic, friendly, patient, flexible, outgoing, and motivated individuals who are passionate about serving urban youth in both urban public schools and residential outdoor programming.
- BA/BS in related discipline. Significant professional experience considered.
- Spanish/English Bilingual a plus.
- Background clearances and medical physical required.

NYC

- Experience teaching middle school urban youth concepts in ecology
- Prior experience or adaptability to living and navigating urban environments.
- Ability to be flexible across many different classroom settings and school cultures, and provide sensitive caring approaches to the diverse needs of students.

MEC

- Experience in outdoor/environmental education and hiking.
- First Aid/CPR certification.
- Valid Driver's License preferred.

Employment Agreements Include:

- Competitive weekly salary.

While in NYC:

- Housing in an apartment shared with 3 other Christodora educators in NYC (utilities and internet included), MTA monthly pass, cell phone.

While at the Manice Education Center

- Lodging (cabin tents), basic amenities, excellent food service, and outdoor equipment discounts.

Be a part of a one hundred-year tradition of developing a constructive, supportive community through hard work, play, and dedication to our mission.

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter, resume, and 3 reference contacts to employment@christodora.org

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