



Christodora: Nature, Learning, Leadership

Afterschool Programs Manager & Environmental Educator

Are you a youth program leader who enjoys bringing science and the outdoors into the lives of New York City youth? Are you seeking an opportunity to develop engaging and exciting after-school programs? Would you like to significantly grow an organization's positive impact for NYC youth?

Christodora, a 122 year-old non-profit organization offering high-quality environmental education and leadership training to motivated New York City youth, is actively seeking an Afterschool Programs Manager / Environmental Educator to lead and manage programs in and near the city that engage youth in hands-on science, community service, and hiking/camping adventures. Christodora currently engages up to 3000 students each year through its interconnected, experiential environmental science and wilderness programs-- in NYC public school classrooms, in weekend urban ecology and community service programs, at its Manice Education Center in a remote corner of the Berkshire Mountains, and through partnerships with distinguished institutions providing opportunities for advanced study. Christodora is a leader in developing and implementing best-practice outcomes measurement for youth development programs, in collaboration with a national research organization. For more information about Christodora, please visit the website at <http://www.christodora.org/>

The ideal candidate is an energetic, highly organized, natural leader who can mentor and provide educational leadership to a team of educators and be an inspirational environmental educator in our afterschool programs. Candidates must have experience in actively engaging youth in the natural sciences, have passion for the outdoors, and currently live in or be willing to relocate to New York City. The Afterschool Programs Manager positively represents Christodora with all of our internal and external stakeholders, which requires someone with a high level of capacity to easily connect with diverse students and families as well as school administrators, funders, and key program partners--including the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx River Alliance, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Trust for Governors Island, and over 100 public schools and youth-serving organizations. This individual possesses a dynamic 'can do' attitude within a mission-driven workplace culture and is committed to ensuring staff, students, and programs succeed.

Position responsibilities include:

- Develop new & enhance existing experiential, science-based curricula and new city partnerships in support of program goals.
- Manage and provide leadership for existing outside-of-school programs, including the New Youth Conservationists (NYC) weekend programs and programs at Governors Island from May to October. The NYC program targets 50 middle school and high school youth on Saturdays at the New York Botanical Garden. Programming on Governors Island will include the New Youth Conservationists plus public interfacing, special events, and day camps.
- Lead teach and manage two afterschool programs each week at partner schools.
- Direct and lead the Summer Ecology Program (SEP), a 2-week field research program for high school students that is based at the Yale Scholl of Forestry Camp within the Great Mountain Forest near Norfolk, CT. Each July, 14-18 high school students have this opportunity to design and carry out scientific investigations of the forested ecosystems, then present their findings to the foresters and local community. The manager will direct the program and supervise a small team.
- Split time effectively to provide managerial and educational leadership to afterschool programs while also teaching for part of the time within these programs.

Requirements:

- Master's degree in biology, ecology, science education, ecology based environmental education, natural science, or related discipline. Master's degree in education or related discipline with proven content mastery in the natural sciences will be considered.
- Possess a passion for the outdoors, environmental science, and youth development; and a commitment to and enthusiasm for working with under-resourced youth.
- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing environmental education curricula for urban youth aged 11-18. Existing knowledge of ecological history and systems within and near NYC preferred.
- 3 years of prior professional experience in a leadership position for environmental education programs.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills; ability to effectively and enthusiastically communicate and connect with Christodora's existing and prospective inner city youth, families, school personnel, and program partners.
- Strong interpersonal skills with all external and internal colleagues; Flexible team member that can easily navigate diverse and changing priorities.
- Ability to work on several projects simultaneously, setting priorities and accomplishing key deliverables.
- Experience coaching and mentoring entry-level educators and teaching assistants preferred.
- Strong administrative and organizational skills. Results oriented; ability to effectively set and meet goals.
- Bi-lingual fluency in English/Spanish preferred.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office suite. Prior experience with Salesforce and Wordpress platforms preferred.
- Ability to travel extensively throughout New York City and to program field sites. Able to use public transportation. Possessing a valid driver's license is required.
- Ability to physically participate in rigorous outdoor activities, including but not limited to, hiking, overnight camping in rustic conditions, sleeping outdoors, canoeing, environmental restoration work, etc.
- Successful clearance of background checks and provision of medical examination in compliance with regulatory requirements.

Apply:

Please send a detailed cover letter and a resume to: employment@christodora.org with "Afterschool Programs Manager / Environmental Educator" in the title. Christodora is committed to making a difference within a culturally diverse educational environment. Applicants are requested to include in their cover letter information about how they will further this goal.

Christodora is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.