



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: April 15th - August 28th 2010

Length of Term: Approx. 40 hours per week for 17 weeks. 675 hours total.

Interviews: Applicants are interviewed & placed on an on-going basis until positions are filled. Interviews are underway.

Application Deadline: April 1st, 2010

Position Title: Nature Mobile Intern (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (www.thprd.org)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: To promote conservation of natural resources, environmental education, and appreciation of the outdoors.

Project Location: Tualatin Hills Nature Park, 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, Oregon 97006

Transportation Information: Close to MAX Blue Line Beaverton Creek and Merlo/158th stations. Also within a half a mile of Tri-met bus route 57.

Position Summary: The Nature Mobile is a vehicle that facilitates environmental education programs at schools, parks, and community destinations throughout the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District. The educational goal of the Nature Mobile is to connect people with nature in their own neighborhoods- especially district parks. Every weekday of the summer, the Nature Mobile is stationed at various parks and schools throughout the district, and free programs are made available to youth. The Nature Mobile Intern will help develop nature study activities and themes for the Nature Mobile and then implement the Nature Mobile program throughout the summer.

The LINKS member will benefit from this activity in the following ways:

- a. Opportunity to further develop skills in outdoor education and interpretation.
- b. Experience teaching and developing environmental education activities that will enhance the member's resume.
- c. Gain knowledge of native flora and fauna.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Working with the program manager, develop weekly themes for Nature Mobile.
2. Working with the program manager, develop nature study activities for the Nature Mobile.
3. Lead educational activities including hikes, games, plant and animal identification, and crafts for the Nature Mobile.
4. Attend camp orientation and training week.
5. Assists in supervision of up to 100 drop-in participants.
6. Assists in maintaining accurate records of incidents and participant behavior issues.
7. Follows and enforces camp safety and security policies.
8. Helps to prepare a written evaluation of each week's programs.
9. Takes participant attendance.
10. Performs other duties as requested.
11. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
12. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
13. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. Current American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification required prior to the first day of internship.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age.
3. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
4. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
5. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
6. Regular and reliable attendance.
7. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Interest and/or experience in youth outdoor or environmental education.
2. Knowledge of or willingness to learn flora/fauna identification, games, crafts, the skill of interpreting, as well as other outdoor skills.
3. Ability to comfortably hike up to 4 miles in any given day on varied and uneven terrain in natural areas in NW Oregon.
4. Ability to work comfortably, tactfully, courteously and effectively with children, Park District Staff, parents and volunteers.

Member Benefits Include:

- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,800. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- This position will provide the member with excellent on-the-job training that will enhance the member's resume.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to epayne@thprd.org.

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#)

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking “Applications” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click “Search Listings” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu and search for program name **LINKS**.
4. Select the position listing and click “Apply Now” at the bottom of the page.

Questions about the project? Contact: Elisa Payne, Program Coordinator, 503/629.6350, epayne@thprd.org.

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