

## **Job Title: Explorer Educator**

**Blue Sky Fund** is a local Richmond non-profit based in Church Hill. Our mission is to provide transformational experiences for urban youth through outdoor education. We have two core program areas – academic and adventure. We are currently seeking several part-time Educators to facilitate and lead our Explorers Program during the 2021-2022 school year. For a more detailed description of our core programs, please visit our website [www.blueskyfund.org](http://www.blueskyfund.org).

**Explorers** is an experiential education program through which we partner with 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms in the Richmond Public School (RPS) system. Each partner school participates in field trips in the Richmond area; these trips incorporate team-building activities designed to build/help students recognize resilience skills, experiential lessons correlated with Virginia Standards of Learning, and nature exploration.

### **Qualifications:**

- A minimum of two years of relevant work experience is preferred.
- Academic training in education, recreation, natural resources, natural science (geology, biology), or environmental science is an advantage.
- Preference will be given to candidates with a strong experience with childcare, teaching or youth leadership, excellent communication skills, and demonstrated interest in environmental education
- Optional: Class B CDL-P (passenger endorsement) certification or willingness to be trained for Class B CDL-P certification and clean driving record

### **Educator Benefits:**

- Training in environmental communication, group management, and outdoor/experiential education best practices
- Education in Virginia natural history, Richmond history, and Richmond socioeconomics
- Opportunity to network within the local Richmond nonprofit community
- Frequent peer and employer evaluations
- Positive work environment and engagement in the local community

### **Educator Responsibilities**

- Complete Educator orientation: introduction to the job, experiential and environmental education philosophy and techniques, safety, and emergency procedures
- Attend all training sessions and Blue Sky Explorers field trips (must provide own transportation)
- Study and practice field trip material
- Lead and teach a group of upper elementary school students (grades 3-5) during each Explorers field trip
- Participate in outdoor physical activities during field trips such as (but not limited to): hiking, lifting, playing games and sports
- Represent Blue Sky Fund in a professional manner at all times, specifically acting as a positive role model for the students with whom we interact.

**Commitment/Compensation:** Training and programming runs from September 2021 through mid-May 2021. Time frame is generally 9 AM – 1:30 PM four weekdays per week. Some longer trips in Spring 2022 may extend your stop time up until 2:30pm. Educators are compensated at a rate of \$12/hour for approximately 18-23 hours/week. Educators will receive 4 days (18 hours) of sick leave and 4 days (18 hours) of paid time off in the event that they are required to quarantine after a COVID-19 exposure.

**To Apply:** Please fill out an online application on our website: [www.blueskyfund.org/get-involved/employment](http://www.blueskyfund.org/get-involved/employment). Please include in your cover letter if you currently have a Class B CDL-P or are interested in obtaining a Class B CDL-P. If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Bailey, Operations Director, via email at [brittany@blueskyfund.org](mailto:brittany@blueskyfund.org).

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