

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 Richmond area 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 2022-2023 school year. For a more detailed description of our core programs, please visit our website www.blueskyfund.org.

Explorers is an experiential education program through which we partner with 3rd - 5th 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.

Job Details: Training and programming runs from September 2022 through mid-May 2023. Time frame is generally 9 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. Some longer trips in Spring 2023 may extend your stop time up until 2:30pm. Educators are compensated at a rate of \$14/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.

All Blue Sky Fund employees will be required to submit proof of full vaccination against COVID-19. Religious and medical exemptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Anyone granted an exemption will be required to submit a negative COVID-19 test result weekly.

To Apply: Please fill out an online application on our website: 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 Emily Wilson, Academic Program Manager, via email at emily@blueskyfund.org.

Blue Sky Fund is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace in which all participants, employees, volunteers and supporters of all genders, races, ethnicities, national origins, ages, sexual orientations, identities, education levels, and abilities feel valued and respected.