



Watershed Educator Position Description

Reports to: Executive Director

Employment: Non-exempt, At-will

Experience: College classes/degree preferred

Application deadline: November 8, 2024

Position: Part-time, flexible hours

Location: St. Clair County

Compensation: \$15-\$17/hr upon experience;
negotiable

Position Description

This is a brand-new position for Friends of the St. Clair River. The Watershed Educator will bring traditional classroom learning to life through hands-on exploration of the natural world. Through environmental education programs, this position delivers programs in classrooms, to teachers in professional development settings, and leads field trips across the watershed.

The Watershed Educator will support our new ***St. Clair River Watershed Pen Pals: From Creeks to Coast*** program. This two-year grant-funded project seeks to deepen connections and enrich learning opportunities about the Great Lakes for 5th grade teachers and students in Michigan's Thumb region.

The Watershed Educator will support our ***Sturgeon Science School*** program. This program is a unique, place-based education experience that uses Lake Sturgeon to teach 5th grade students about human impact on ecosystems. Sturgeon Science School introduces students to the current science, data and STEM careers associated with stewardship of the Great Lakes.

This position provides experience with a dynamic and diverse growing environmental organization while ensuring our education programs have adequate financial support, visibility and engagement.

Vision for the Position

- Visit local classrooms to discuss how ecosystems are impacted by humans
- Coordinate and lead field trips for local students on land and water
- Teach students how to obtain, synthesize, and draw conclusions from data collected from water-quality tests conducted out in the field
- Support place-based, problem-based, and project-based learning initiatives geared towards local educators and students that seek to improve and better understand watershed health
- Transport live animals to and from schools with appropriate gear and equipment

Primary Duties

- Conduct environmental education programs for K-12
- Assist with narrative writing, program evaluation and progress reports as it relates to grants
- Serve as point of contact to teachers and groups interested in environmental programs
- Create outreach materials including the newsletter, website, social media, and blog
- Support the Education Manager as needed

Qualifications

- College classes and/or degree is preferred; related fields include primary/secondary education, science, natural resources, communication, sustainability
- Self-motivation and an ability to work independently
- Excellent written and oral communication skills; proficiency with social networking tools
- Previous experience working with volunteers or volunteering. Experience leading or instructing a broad range of ages is desirable
- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and reliable transportation
- Demonstrated ability to work well in a team setting
- Attention to detail such as data management
- Fluent in Microsoft Office suite and Google
- Must be in good physical condition, able to wear waders, lift and carry large items, move about for extended periods of time, and tolerate a range of weather conditions
- Completion of a background check will be required

About Friends of the St. Clair River

Friends of the St. Clair River is Michigan's Thumb Coast largest environmental non-profit, non-partisan organization serving St. Clair County and beyond since 2007. Our work includes river restoration, environmental monitoring, and invasive species removal to environmental education and trail management. We value the rich natural resources of the St. Clair River and its watersheds and are committed to improving the quality of life for all people, plants and wildlife within its boundaries. We advance equitable nature-friendly policies and programs that ensure all communities can access, benefit from, and enjoy a healthy environment.

Friends is an Equal Opportunity Employer that supports and subscribes to a policy of nondiscrimination in all employment decisions. Employment with Friends is on an at-will basis.

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