

# Stokes Nature Center

## Nature Preschool Teacher



### Description:

The Nature Preschool Teacher works closely with the other Preschool staff, guiding the students in activities that promote physical, social, and emotional development. Teachers follow the philosophical guidelines of the Nature Preschool and Montessori principles in a nature based setting.

### Location:

Logan, UT

### Supervisors:

Nature Preschool Director and Director of Education

### Responsibilities Include:

- Collaboratively work with the Preschool staff to teach and develop curriculum and prepare the environment and materials
- Maintain strong positive relationships with preschoolers and parents
- Maintain a safe and tidy preschool space, indoors and outdoors
- Attend preschool meetings and staff meetings and take initiative in seeking out professional development opportunities
- Participate in beginning school year prep, orientation, and end of school year clean up
- Assist with special events and fundraising efforts

### Duties:

- Arrive on time and maintain a positive demeanor while teaching
- Help prepare materials and assist with clean-up each day
- Assist in the Daily Sign-In & Out of students
- Help monitor the safety of students while walking up and down the trail, keeping them encouraged and engaged. Model trail safety for parent chaperones.
- Share the responsibility for the safety and well-being of the children monitoring their whereabouts at all times and identifying potential hazards
- Use positive guidance and redirection when necessary
- Model appropriate manners and behavior to help keep children calm, attentive, and safe
- Assist with bathroom breaks and transition periods including washing of hands and putting on outdoor gear while encouraging responsibility and independence
- Record and report any incidents or concerns to Preschool Director and Lead Teacher
- Help with the maintenance of classroom inventory

- Guide and model proper stewardship for the outdoor and indoor space and materials
- Encourage teamwork, sharing, and friendship while respecting student's desires to work alone
- Model integrity, curiosity, responsibility, creativity, and respect for everyone as well as appreciation for diversity
- Maintain regular communication with preschool director, giving as much notice as possible when you are unable to teach

### **Required Skills:**

- Must embrace the mission of Stokes Nature Center
- Prior teaching experience is required
- Background check required
- Current CPR, First Aid and Food Handlers certification is required or willingness to become certified within two weeks of employment.
- A degree in early childhood education is preferred but not required
- Nature education and Montessori experience is preferred but not required
- Must have the ability and willingness to meet the physical demands of the position (i.e., hike over rugged terrain, bending, kneeling, lift 50 pounds, teaching outdoors in all weather).
- Exhibit positive and professional communication with children, parents, and staff
- Maintain efficiency and orderliness in carrying out tasks
- Must possess the ability to guide the children in a calm, encouraging, and consistent manner

### **Starting Compensation:**

\$13.00/hr

Other benefits include retirement account contributions, health insurance payment addition program, paid professional development, employee purchase program, foul weather gear stipend

### **Other Information:**

- 15 hours per week
- Starting date 8/23/2021
- Paid training 5/3/2021-5/21/2021

Submit Cover Letter and CV/Resume by April 1, 2021 by email to Patrick Kelly, Director of Education, [education@logannature.org](mailto:education@logannature.org)  
Subject: Nature Preschool Teacher Application

This position description reflects Stokes Nature Center's best effort to describe the essential functions and qualifications for this position. It is neither an exhaustive statement of duties, responsibilities, or qualifications, nor a contract.