Interpretive Ranger

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Under supervision from the Director of Education, Interpretive Rangers are responsible for planning, leading, and implementing Parklands Forest Learning Lab programs and school field trips for children grades K-6th in a small group setting. They are responsible for the general safety and development, growth, and skill achievement of the participants in his/her group including completing all assigned virtual coursework and assignments. The incumbent will provide high-quality outdoor educational and recreational experiences for participants that focus on The Parklands core values of safe, fun, clean, and beautiful. This position works both independently and as a team within The Parklands and ensures that Forest Learning Lab participants have a safe, interesting, informative and enjoyable experience while in the park. The position works early mornings and in all types of weather. This is an hourly, full-time position that begins as soon as possible.

ABOUT FOREST LEARNING LAB:

Led by Parklands Interpretive Rangers—all of whom are trained educators and scientists—the Forest Learning Lab offers students a structured day of non-traditional instruction, homework help, and outdoor exploration time. Weather permitting, classes are held almost entirely outdoors each day to provide a safe, engaging environment for children to thrive during NTI. Parklands Members receive a discounted price.

Drop-off is from 8 – 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is from 3:30 – 4 p.m. Each day, participants will need to bring a lunch, snack, water bottle, mask, headphones and learning device (tablet, laptop or smartphone). To make NTI as flexible as possible, parents can enroll kids in a full week or select single days that best fit their schedule.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

- Help write and implement a daily and weekly schedule for your Learning Lab group.
- Organize and lead a variety of small and large group activities each week. Activities may include crafts, games, science experiments, hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, creek activities, and fishing.
- Ensure Learning Lab participants complete all assigned classwork.
- Ensure camp participants have a fun, educational and engaging experience.
- Identify and respond to student behavior issues.
- Ensure that The Parklands classrooms, facilities, and supplies are kept clean and organized.
- Communicate with parents about participant’s experiences, and report concerns to Learning Lab Leadership.
- Assist in maintaining accurate program records including incident reports and daily attendance.
- Know and understand ALL emergency procedures associated with the Learning Lab program.
- Know, enforce, and follow all safety guidelines associated with the camp and all program areas. This includes but is not limited to being responsible for your students’ safety and their whereabouts at all times.
DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, working with children, or in a related field.
- Ability to lead, plan, organize, and implement program activities.
- Ability to work as a member of a team and the ability to accomplish tasks with little direct supervision.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to work with volunteers
- Basic knowledge of Kentucky flora & fauna and an understanding of Kentucky cultural history
- Previous teaching experience, or experience with summer camps, highly desirable
- Upon hire, completion of Parklands provided First Aid and CPR certification.
- Upon hire, completion of Parklands youth protection training

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must pass a criminal background check
- Work independently in varied weather conditions.
- Individuals must be physically capable of operating vehicles safely, possess a valid driver’s license and have an acceptable driving record.
- Must be able to lift 40 pounds and move easily in an outdoor setting with regular work in outdoor conditions without environmental controls.
- Some positions will require the performance of other essential and marginal functions depending on work location, assignment or shift
- Ability to satisfactorily complete First Aid/CPR training.
- Ability to adhere to a Uniform Policy

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Applicants must be 18 to apply. Passion for the outdoors and ability to communicate effectively required. Coursework in natural sciences, teaching, or cultural history preferred. Experience with children’s camps or working with youth preferred.

BENEFITS:

This is an hourly, full-time position that begins as soon as possible.

LOCATION:

This position will be based out of Beckley Creek Park, 20 minutes east of downtown Louisville near Middletown. Duties also require work outdoors and in other park facilities within The Parklands system.

APPLY:

To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and three references to Interpretive Ranger Search, The Parklands of Floyds Fork, 471 West Main Street, Suite 202, Louisville, KY 40202, or e-mail to ccarman@21cparks.org. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

ABOUT THE PARKLANDS:

The Parklands of Floyds Fork is a systemic, world-class addition to Louisville’s park system that includes four major parks linked by a park drive, a first-rate urban trail system, and a remarkable water trail, all
tracing Floyds Fork, a classic Kentucky stream. 21st Century Parks, a 501(c) 3 established in 2004, is responsible for fundraising; land acquisition, construction, operations, and maintenance of the new parks system. This public/private project is unique in the region and unlike anything currently in development across the country—truly a city—shaping model. This is the largest fully funded non-profit park system in the nation. Learn more at www.theparklands.org.