



Seeking Jr. Naturalist Teacher

- The Jr. Naturalist Teacher's job is to teach the prepared curriculum and lesson plans for the Riverside Nature Center's Junior Naturalist program. Our major focus in the naturalist program is to help students connect with nature in a positive way that enhances basic concepts on which to build a life-long interest in nature and earth sciences. The specifics of what the RNC Jr. Naturalist Teacher does includes, but is not limited to:
- Meet/Greet the parents at the start and end of each lesson.
- Make sure the students sign in/out for each session on the correct form.
- Turn in a time sheet for yourself every two weeks.
- Perfect attendance is strongly requested/encouraged!
- Prepare for each lesson. Review the curriculum book for each lesson in advance and select appropriate activities to reinforce the learning objectives. Arrange for guest speakers as desired. Several guest speakers throughout the year are strongly encouraged.
- A copy of each lesson plan must be given to the RNC Executive Director.
- A list of all supplies associated with the lesson plan is included.
- Shop for supplies three days in advance of the lesson.
- Implement and carry out the lesson plan, providing activities that support the learning objectives.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the plan.
- Report any problems or concerns to RNC Exec. Director.
- If teaching assistants are available go over the next lesson with the teaching assistant at the end of each class. Assign tasks to your assistant as appropriate to assure each class runs efficiently.
- Decide if any changes in your lesson plan(s) need to be made.
- Get feedback from the Exec. Director, the students, and the parents as appropriate.
- Work with the Exec. Director when any difficult situation develops involving a specific child &/or parent.
- Be ready to handle all emergencies. Make certain that first-aid supplies are always available/in hand (esp. for off-site field trips).
- Be sure that all medical forms are in your possession at all times. You are to carry these forms and a first-aid kit to all off-site excursions.
- All injuries, physical problems, or behavioral difficulties/problems must be reported to the Exec. Director.
- Clean up after each lesson must be accomplished. All equipment/materials need to be returned to their designated storage place so that they can be more easily found/used in the future.
- Monitor the recommended preventative safety issues, i.e. sun block application.
- Once a commitment has been made by you to teach the program, a letter of commitment must be signed. A letter of commitment is needed in order that the best programming can be developed/planned/implemented by the Riverside Nature Center Association.
- All Riverside Nature Center staff and volunteers who have contact with children must agree to a criminal history back ground check.

One hour lesson two Saturdays per month during the school year. There will be three field trips, substituting for the lessons on those Saturdays. Field trips require additional paid time. Parents drive the children. Pay is \$20 per one hour session. Lesson plans already exist but some preparation time is required.

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