

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

Job Title:	Adventure Naturalist
Hours:	40 Hours per week, evenings and weekends as necessary
Pay:	\$19.58 – 26.92 / Hour

Work in a dynamic team environment to connect the public to nature, parks, and health and wellness opportunities through inspiring outdoor exploration and adventure recreation programming.

Responsibilities:

- Create and lead a variety of nature based outdoor exploration/adventure programs for people of all ages and abilities. Programs include but are not limited to canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, mountain biking, backpacking, camping, adventure races, fishing, winter activities, disc golf, geocaching/orienteering, and outdoor fitness.
- Compliment traditional natural and cultural history-oriented programs and community outreach efforts. Assist with school field trips.
- Provide natural and cultural history expertise to staff and public.
- Assist manager in establishing outdoor exploration and adventure programming goals and objectives.
- Monitor trends in outdoor pursuits and propose new offerings. Help evaluate programs, offer recommendations for improvement, and actively participate in revision of programs.
- Work with the Marketing Department to promote programs and the outdoor pursuits culture in the community through social media and other sources.
- Help build outdoor exploration/adventure opportunities in the community by creating partnerships and fostering relationships with agencies, organizations, retailers, clubs, and others involved with outdoor pursuits.
- Contribute to Park District outdoor exploration/adventure planning including infrastructure creation and improvement, policy revision/creation, and trail planning (i.e. bike trail amenities, canoe/kayak access, trail revisions in parks, etc.).
- Write and submit program/event descriptions for quarterly program schedule.
- Collaborate with a team on visitor center operations including exhibit creation and care, ambassador animal care including insects, reptiles, amphibians, and birds of prey, and light housekeeping.
- Inspire, mentor, and manage seasonal staff. Assist with recruiting, hiring, training, coaching, and staff development.
- Assist with development of interpretive signs, exhibits, displays, kiosk information, etc.
- Manage outdoor exploration equipment inventory and general upkeep.
- Prepare and maintain records, reports, and annual budget requests.
- Responsible for special projects and other duties as assigned.

Essential Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge and experience in outdoor adventure activities such as kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddle-boarding, road and/or mountain biking, backpacking, camping, rock climbing, fishing, etc. Outdoor coping skills include wilderness medicine, map and compass navigation, and trip planning.
- Ability to interpret Ohio flora and fauna, local natural habitats, geology, and local history.
- Knowledge of program and special event planning; demonstrated ability to research, write, plan, and execute interpretive and outdoor exploration and adventure programs.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills: presentation skills; demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with all age groups.
- Demonstrated decision making and problem-solving skills along with organizational and planning skills.
- Ability to recognize safety hazards and make quick decisions regarding visitor safety.
- Possess trust, integrity, high ethical standards, and the ability to prevent, reduce and resolve conflict.
- Ability to develop and maintain positive working relationships with employees, the public, and volunteers.
- Microsoft Office applications and proficiency with social media and other internet resources.
- Ability to operate Park District equipment including vehicles, media equipment, communications equipment, and computers.
- Ability to obtain and maintain certification in basic first aid and CPR.
- Ability to work weekends, evenings, and holidays.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in parks and recreation, interpretation, environmental education, natural resources, or related field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Ability to obtain and maintain certification(s) in field specialties such as canoeing/kayaking, archery, wilderness first-aid, Leave No Trace, etc.
- Must possess a valid driver's license under the laws of the State of Ohio

Learn more about this great opportunity by contacting:

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