



Environmental Educator - Summer 2022

Compensation: starting at \$13/ hour, commensurate with experience

Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter is seeking educators to act as camp leads during Summer Camp 2022 (May through August). Educators will lead and assist in a wide variety of educational programs that take place both on the Swaner Preserve and in the EcoCenter. Educators will utilize experiential, inquiry, and place-based pedagogy to provide meaningful nature-based camp experiences to youth entering Kindergarten through 8th grades in half-day and full-day week-long camps. Duties will include:

- Assist in developing, planning, and leading summer camp programs at Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter.
- Develop camp curriculum and supporting educational materials
- Act as lead instructor (or co-lead) during camps, managing 12 to 16 campers each week
- Oversee 2-5 high school counselors each week and provide meaningful feedback and mentorship
- Provide campers with high quality environmental and STEM education programs, including outdoor exploration, design challenges, art projects, etc.
- Communicate daily camp happenings to campers' guardians and to Camp Director
- Work collaboratively with a team of 2 staff, 5 educators, and up to 35 high school counselors to create a positive and safe camp/work environment for the duration of camp programs

Candidates must have a positive attitude, open to learning, work well as part of a team, and enjoy working outdoors in a variety of environments and weather conditions. Candidates must be professional in interactions with youth participants, adult guardians, staff, volunteers, and the public as a representative of USU Extension and the Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter.

During the term of this position, educators will experience many aspects of environmental education and nonprofit work, making this an excellent opportunity for a student or recent graduate who desires the opportunity to explore informal education or refine their interests in the education or non-profit fields.

- Educators will gain hands-on experience in implementation of informal education programs, including program planning and delivery. Educators will also develop classroom management skills and a deeper understanding of inquiry-based pedagogy, enabling themselves to effectively communicate and teach youth in a variety of settings. Additionally, educators will learn about non-profit organizations and management, the day-to-day operations of a community center, and the many facets of USU Extension work.

Interested candidates are requested to [apply here](#).

Questions? Contact Katherine Veeder, katherine.veeder@usu.edu.

Review of materials will begin in mid-March 2022.