



JOB POSTING

West Bloomfield Parks is looking for candidates to fill a part time **Park Naturalist (Animal Care & Outreach focus)** position.

JOB SUMMARY:

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This position coordinates with other Park Naturalists, Parks Superintendent, Recreation Superintendent and Full-Time Programmers on various tasks and projects.

For a complete job description with primary duties and responsibilities, as well as minimum qualifications, go to www.wbparks.org and click on About Us then Employment Opportunities.

HOURS: Part-time, 20 hours per week, as scheduled, weekdays or weekends; Not to exceed 1200 hours per year. Additional shifts may become available for special events. See job description for details.

HOURLY RATE: \$18/hour

START DATE: Fall 2019

TO APPLY: To be apply for this position, **please submit a completed application and resume to:**

Human Resources

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission

4640 Walnut Lake Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48323

hr@wbparks.org

Blank applications are available at West Bloomfield Parks. Download a copy online at www.wbparks.org.



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Job Description

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Department: Recreation

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt, Part-time

Salary Grade: Grade 9

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Working Hours:

Typical work hours will vary, Monday-Friday. Some evening and weekend work will be required.

Essential Function(s) of the Position:

The duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the level and/or class of this position.

- Captive animal care which includes feeding, habitat maintenance and animal care reporting. Also includes outdoor bird feeding station.
- Plan, develop, coordinate and deliver a variety of appointment based interpretive nature education outreach programs and activities. Work with the Recreation team for community/special events, camps and programs. In the months June-August, lead weekly nature education, including fishing and canoeing with Day Camps.
- Collaborate with the Marketing Manager and other Naturalist/Programmers to develop content and materials for the park bulletin boards and displays, recreation program brochure, and press releases to market and promote the natural areas and trails.
- Resolve problems and exchange information together with Park Naturalists.
- Monitor customer satisfaction of recreational programs and activities via surveys and other performance measures.
- Cross train with PT Naturalist Programmer position.
- Adhere to Commission guidelines, policies and procedures.
- Other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience/Licenses/Certificates:

- Bachelor's degree (or in process of) in outdoor recreation management, science, education or related area is required.
- One to two years of related experience including environmental interpretation, nature center operations, recreation programming, science or environmental education, special events planning/management, and budget development responsibilities.
- Experience working in an office and outdoor setting.
- Experience working with captive animals in a public setting.
- Experience with captive animal habitat management.
- Experience with pre-school aged children, elementary ages and teenagers.
- Experience working with wood duck and/or blue bird boxes.
- Ability to deliver highly effective customer service.
- Some experience in program management and/or event facilitation, specifically stewardship programs.
- Basic knowledge of ReCPro is preferred.
- First Aid and CPR Certification within six months of hire in date.
- Must possess valid Michigan Driver's License.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Must have experience with Michigan wildlife education, including identification and general knowledge of animals (tracks/sounds), plants, trees. Native vs Invasive knowledge preferred.
- Interpersonal skills necessary to effectively facilitate a variety of interpretive nature & stewardship programs and activities for residents of varying ages.
- Must be engaging and enthusiastic when working with the public.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Some classroom management or behavior management experience.
- Ability to manage calendar of appointments for nature education outreach.
- Ability to create lesson plans for one-hour outreach appointments, as well as ability to create and train half-day day camp nature education (outdoors).
- Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely.
- Analytical ability to develop new ideas for outreach appointments.
- Excellent organizational skills with emphasis on detail.
- Ability to handle questions, complaints and concerns from the public and from employees in a professional manner.
- Ability to maintain excellent customer service skills.
- Ability to organize work and be able to work independently, as well as with a team.
- Ability to exercise mature judgment and initiative in analyzing programs and recommending solutions.
- Must be productive, courteous, flexible, resourceful and creative as well as have effective work skills.
- Ability to operate various pieces of office equipment.
- Ability to canoe, kayak, paddleboard; Able to teach water activities preferred.
- Must be professional in appearance.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools and Vehicles Used:

Office equipment used includes computer, fax machine, large capacity printer, etc. Vehicles used include WBPRC work van.

Physical Demands:

This position is an office position as well as an outdoor position. Therefore must be able to sit for long periods of time at a computer work station, typing and making phone calls. However, when field time required, must be able to stand and tolerate the outdoors for long periods of time, in all elements. Must be able to lift 25 pounds.

This is a safety sensitive position and drug screenings may be required.

Working Conditions:

Must be able to work in a fast paced environment and able to meet various deadlines. Work involves exposure to dust, dirt, noise, live animals, pesticides and adverse weather. This position may be exposed to extreme heat and cold when field time is required. Some travel is required to various site locations, offsite meetings, continuing education opportunities and conferences.

Reporting Relationships:

A person in this position will report to the Park Naturalist Administrator.

I have reviewed and understand the above job description and believe it to be accurate and complete and that I can successfully fulfill each duty or task. I also agree that Management has the right to change this job description at any time.

Employee Signature

Date

Executive Director Signature

Date

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by a person assigned to this job. It is not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all duties that may be performed by an employee so classified. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position. This document is not intended to be a contract between the employee and employer.