



Friends of the Rappahannock
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Lower Rappahannock Part-Time Environmental Educator

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Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) is a 501c3 watershed protection organization. FOR works to be the voice and active force for a healthy and scenic Rappahannock River. We accomplish this through three program pillars - advocacy, restoration, and education. FOR seeks a Limited Seasonal Part-time (less than 15 hours/week as needed) Environmental Educator to support our robust environmental education school-based lesson and field trip program. This position will work during the months of March-May and September-November, with limited opportunities available in the off-season. This position is located in our Warsaw, VA office at the Rappahannock Tribal Lodge, located on the Cat Point Creek Refuge.

FOR is currently searching for a Part-Time (less than 15 hours/week) Environmental Educator to support the growth of our Lower Rappahannock Environmental Education Programming.

Top Skills Desired:

- Educational Background: A degree (or current enrollment/relevant training) in Environmental Science, Biology, Ecology, Education, or a related field. The ability to deliver advanced scientific concepts to a wide range of age groups through hands-on activities, with a special focus on Watershed Science.
- Strong working knowledge of watersheds and human impacts on watersheds.
- Working dynamic of a small environmental non-profit: Participate in staff meetings and cross-learn in other departments as needed
- Enthusiasm for working in an inclusive environment that serves children of all backgrounds and abilities.

Duties Include:

- Support the Lower Rappahannock Education Manager in delivering education programs, including school visits, field experiences, including some on-water (kayak/canoe) programs, and professional development.
- Develop an understanding of the goals and objectives of Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE) and support these experiences through classroom visits, field experiences, and professional development.
- Ability to pass the Virginia State Police (VSP) background check

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- Assisting with student and adult kayaking trips
- Capable of lifting 50 lbs repetitively for an extended period, such as loading and unloading kayaks on and off a trailer.
- Ability to drive company vehicles and ability to pull a trailer, or willingness to learn
- Comfortable working in all types of weather conditions

Preferred

- One year of experience leading outdoor environmental education programs or related public speaking experience.
- Experience with native plants and wildlife identification, including aquatic macroinvertebrates.
- Classroom or group management skills indoors and outdoors.

Additional tasks may include:

- Riverfest and other event support, as approved by the Lower Rappahannock Education Manager

The Lower Rappahannock Environmental Educator will report to the Lower Rappahannock Education Manager. This position is part-time, hourly, with no benefits. Less than 15 hours per week, with hours based on programs. Starting pay range: \$15 to \$ 18, commensurate with experience. The anticipated start date is as soon as possible, subject to mutual agreement.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Robin Didlake, Lower Rappahannock Education Manager, at robin.didlake@riverfriends.org.