Cooper Center for Environmental Learning
University of Arizona College of Education
Department of Teaching, Learning, & Socio-cultural Studies

Environmental/Earth Educator Positions, 2018-19 Program Year

If you are an environmental educator who enjoys inspiring others to live more lightly and harmoniously on our planet, we invite you to apply for the opportunity to work with us!

Who We Are: The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning is a partnership between the University of Arizona College of Education and Tucson Unified School District. The Center’s Mission focuses on inspiring learners of all ages to live more lightly on our planet through positive and enriching experiences in nature and key ecological understandings. The Center offers memorable single-day and overnight field trip experiences to Southern Arizona schools and opportunities for University of Arizona students to do hands-on teaching and research in science education and environmental learning.

Position Description: The Cooper Center is hiring three environmental educators, for entry-level positions, to lead educational programs for students in grades K-12 and help with day-to-day operations. The programs taught at the Center emphasize understanding of ecological processes, developing positive feelings for the natural world, and inspiring each participant to make environmentally friendly personal lifestyle changes. We strive to create memorable connections between each learner and their environment. Educators will gain valuable teaching experience in an outdoor setting and will be involved with the daily operation logistics of the Center. They will also collaborate with University of Arizona students as interns and volunteers.

Duties:

• Lead and assist educational programs in a variety of outdoor settings (program training provided) and manage students of varying age, ability, and background
• Participate in program-related tasks including planning, setup, materials design and maintenance
• Assist Associate Director and Program Coordinator with program logistics and administration including scheduling, group arrivals and departures, teacher communication, program evaluation, etc.
• Participate in special events and workshops at the Cooper Center, on UA campus, and in the community
• Perform basic facility maintenance & janitorial tasks (cleaning bathrooms & facilities, basic repairs, etc.)
• Obtain First Aid/CPR Certification (on-site training provided) and follow health and safety rules set forth by UA, TUSD, and Cooper Center.

Required Qualifications:

• A degree in education, environmental sciences or a related field
• Teaching experience - informal and/or formal settings with students across K-12 grade levels
• Comfort hiking over rugged terrain, while carrying program supplies, and working outdoors in varying weather conditions (hot or cold); ability to carry out physically demanding tasks, carry props and set up activities in the desert
• Positive attitude & enthusiasm
• Strong communication skills
• Ability to work collaboratively and respectfully as part of a team and independently, depending on the needs of a project or assignment
• Ability to learn and adapt quickly
• A flair for the theatrical or the willingness to learn (character roleplaying, wearing costumes, etc.).
Preferred Qualifications:
- Knowledge of Sonoran Desert ecology; natural resources management;
- Administrative skills
  - computer skills (Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook)
  - comfort with Google Drive functions
  - database management skills (entering data)
  - phone/email communications
- Spanish-speaking

Position Specifics:
- Pay/Time Commitment: $12/hour, 40 hrs/week, with University of Arizona benefits. Position hours are primarily Monday through Friday with some weekend event commitments; daily schedules vary depending on program needs. Some programs require a 12-hour work day, so flexibility in work scheduling is a must.
- Housing not available but resources to assist in finding housing may be provided upon request.
- Positions begin on or near August 20, 2018 and end May 31, 2019.
- Cooper is 20 minutes west of main UA campus. Providing your own transportation is required.

Applying:
Apply via https://uacareers.com/postings/30212. For questions, please email Cooper Center Director Colin Waite at cwaite@email.arizona.edu and Associate Director Constantinos Manoli at manoli@email.arizona.edu, or call the Center at (520) 626-1825. Visit the Cooper website for more information about our Center.