Pathfinders’ Job Opening: Assistant Mentor for Preschool Programs 2022-23

Pathfinders Nature Mentoring: Palo Alto, California

Description
Do you love working with children and being outdoors? Pathfinders Nature Mentoring is looking for an assistant mentor in our forest preschool program.

About the Forest Preschool
The preschool meets Monday through Friday September through early June. The program hosts up to 10 children aged 3 to 5 and is held exclusively outdoors (rain or shine). Children are dropped off by parents/caregivers at park in town and travel in the Pathfinders vans to nature preserves within 20 minutes of downtown Palo Alto. Frequent locations include Foothills Park, Arastradero Preserve, Redwood Grove, Shoreline Park and the Palo Alto Baylands.

Responsibilities
• Supporting the Lead Mentor and assisting the children throughout their daily adventures
• Oversee physical and emotional safety and instruction for children during our nature programs
• Work with teaching team to develop lesson plans and related program activities (with ability to facilitate spontaneous teaching in the flow of nature)
• Reading or sharing stories during morning circle
• Participating in games and play with children
• Assisting children during snack and lunch time
• Preparing a variety of other activities dependent on the day's location
• Driving children in a Pathfinders minivan
• Attending weekly staff meeting
Requirements

• Must be available to work Monday through Friday from 8:15 am - 1:45 pm through June 2nd, 2023. Training/Orientation Day will be followed by on-the-job training during first month including weekly meetings with director outside of teaching time. Weekly staff meeting Mondays 1:30-3:00pm
• Previous experience working with children
• Genuine love of young children
• Understanding of child development, or willingness to get training
• A love of the outdoors, and knowledge of local ecology
• Current First Aid and CPR certified
• Good Driving Record
• Positive Attitude
• Good communication skills and interpersonal skills
• Organized and reliable
• Eligible to work in the U.S. (I-9 verification required)
• Clean criminal record (background check required)
• Comfortable working in challenging weather

Desired Skills

• 12 units of early childhood education or willingness to take concurrently
• Nature skills like shelter making, basketry, cordage making
• Knowledge of local plant uses
• Conflict resolution/Peacemaking
• Available to work in our summer program June through early July 2023

Job-Type
Part-time: 29 hours weekly through June 2, 2023
Compensation $22-24/hour depending on experience

To Apply
Please send resume and cover letter to drew@pathfindersnature.com