

## CityParks Education

- JOB:** **Part-time Marine Educator (5-month position)**
- DATES:** April-August 2012
- DAYS/HOURS:** 24 hours per week, 3-4 days per week (including some weekend days during the spring and summer.)
- SALARY:** \$22/hour (without benefits)

City Parks Foundation (CPF) is the only independent, non-profit organization to offer park programs throughout the five boroughs of New York City. CPF works in over 700 parks citywide, presenting a broad range of free arts, sports and education programs and helping citizens to support their parks on a local level. Our programs and community-building initiatives reach more than 600,000 New Yorkers each year, contributing to the revitalization of neighborhoods throughout New York City.

CityParks Education, founded in 1993, presents a wide range of programs targeted to children, youth, and educators in public schools, parks, recreation centers and other community sites.

### COASTAL CLASSROOM PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

*Coastal Classroom* is a joint project of CityParks Education and the Partnerships for Parks Catalyst Project. CityParks Education has operated interdisciplinary environmental education programs in schools and parks since 1992. *Coastal Classroom* focuses on coastal ecology, water quality, urban waterfront restoration and preservation on the **Queens Waterfront** and in **Coney Island**. *Coastal Classroom* offers one-time and multi-session programs for schools (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up), non-profit groups, civic organizations and the general community. Through site specific inquiry-based lessons, we provide stimulating and meaningful learning experiences for a range of community members in their own community.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design, adapt, and deliver one-time and/or sequential developmentally appropriate lessons and workshops for diverse participants, including, children, youth, family members and senior citizens.
- Help develop curricula that include a progressive series of hands-on, interdisciplinary lessons that hone academic skills, encourage curiosity, and support mandated academic standards.
- Help conduct outreach and recruitment to schools, organizations, and community groups. Coordinate sites, schedules, and garden visits.
- Supervise and help train high school and college interns.
- Provide logistical support and complete general administrative duties as needed.
- Assist with data collection and recordkeeping.

- Help facilitate the seamless integration of activities, and develop linkages with key park personnel and community members.
- Help maintain, repair and protect tools and equipment, including waders, nets, buckets, water quality kits and other gear.
- Requires ample set-up and break-down time. This includes moving of heavy equipment (waders, nets, moving cart) and other physically arduous tasks.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor's Degree in Education, Marine Ecology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, or related field.
- Knowledge of marine ecosystems, marine life, data collection, and data analysis.
- Experience teaching outdoors and in non-traditional settings using interactive methods desirable. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in inquiry-based methods and in developing interdisciplinary academic curricular materials.
- Strong/solid classroom management skills and ability to handle different types of learners.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- Valid driver's license.
- Willingness to travel alone on public transportation to schools throughout New York City.
- Ability to work with diverse students, all age groups, and low-income communities.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team essential.
- Versatility, resourcefulness and creativity required (contagious enthusiasm would be great).
- Willingness to work outdoors from April-August in hot/cold/sometimes uncomfortable weather conditions (manual labor necessary).
- Willingness to work some weekends on a regular basis.

**Interested candidates should email *cover letter and resume* to:**  
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**No calls or faxes, please. Only those individuals that are selected for interviews will be contacted.**