



Position Description:

Naturalist

Location: Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks; office in Willow River Nature Center

Role: Work with the Lead Naturalist/Nature Center Coordinator as needed.

Duties: Present or assist with a variety of programs for children and the general public focusing on wildlife and the natural environment of Western Wisconsin. Formats may include hikes, classes, service projects, and evening and weekend programs.

Other duties include:

- Create interpretive materials, such as brochures and signs, to help park visitors understand the natural environment of the parks.
- Develop and maintain interpretive displays.
- Care for the animals in the Nature Center.
- Work with volunteers who assist in programs and other interpretive activities.
- Staff the Nature Center, classroom, and gift shop.
- Inform visitors and program participants about the Friends group. Invite them to join when appropriate.
- Keep records of attendance and participation. Gather feedback from participants as appropriate.
- Utilize social media platforms for marketing outreach.

Qualifications:

- Preferred: Coursework in education and natural science areas such as Environmental Education, Wildlife Biology, Ecology, Forestry, Geology, Outdoor Recreation, or related areas.
- The ideal candidate will have earned a bachelor's degree in environmental education or similar field.
- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Ability and interest in working with children and adults of various ages and abilities, and who have varying levels of environmental knowledge.
- Skill at splitting attention between multiple activities or tasks at the same time.
- Demonstrate a self-motivated work ethic coupled with responsiveness to supervision.

Hours: Three quarters time over the course of a year. May through October full-time. November through April reduced hours. Must be available most Sundays and Mondays.

Compensation: Hourly wage starting at \$18 per hour. Negotiable based upon qualifications and experience.

Start Date: Anticipated start is August but may be delayed until September for the right candidate.

Application Process: Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest, resumé, names of two references, to: rthofern@willowkinnifriends.org, or Friends of Willow River and Kinnickinnic State Parks, 1034 County Road A, Hudson, WI 54016. For further information: 651-249-1128 (cell).