



We're Hiring:

Natural Areas Instructor

The Downers Grove Park District is searching for: Natural Areas Instructor



OUR MISSION

Enriching our community through natural areas preservation and exceptional recreational programs, parks and facilities that inspire memorable experiences.



OUR VISION

To be the community resource encouraging PLAY for L.I.F.E.

Leadership. Imagination. Fulfillment. Enjoyment



OUR CULTURE

We believe in a culture where our team members are respected, valued and appreciated. Flexibility in one's life is understood and work-life balance is respected. Innovative thinking is expected and encouraged lacking fear of failure. It is understood that through hard work the organization is committed to assisting in career development. We believe success relates directly to intention, effort and progress.



OUR CORE VALUES

- **PROFESSIONALISM**
Committed to fostering a supportive culture that develops, empowers, respects and appreciates residents, volunteers, and staff.
- **INTEGRITY**
Serving consistently, openly, and honestly.
- **SAFETY**
Emphasizing a fun environment where residents and staff feel socially, emotionally, and physically secure.
- **AMBITION**
Leaders in exploring and creating innovative opportunities based on evolving needs and trends.
- **RESPONSIBILITY**
Preserving and maximizing community resources and partnerships through historical, environmental and fiscal stewardship.

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Why, you ask?

Lyman Woods is seeking a NaturePlay School Instructor to lead our outdoor early childhood education program. NaturePlay School couples outdoor-based learning, nature play, and the introduction to science and nature concepts with traditional early childhood experiences. This position is permanent part-time, and is part of a fun, enthusiastic and passionate team of outdoor education professionals at Lyman Woods. This position is responsible for developing, leading and evaluating our NaturePlay School classes, as well as communicating regularly with our NaturePlay School families.



The Ideal Candidate

Candidates should demonstrate a genuine passion for outdoor education and enthusiasm for working with children and their parents. This team member should: possess a positive and enthusiastic attitude, be reliable and dependable, have effective communication skills, have a team mentality, provide exceptional customer service, be flexible and adapt easily, have a sense of humor, be creative and open-minded, show passion for what we do, and be trustworthy. Most importantly, the candidate must align with our philosophy that time spent outdoors benefits everyone and that learning through play in nature builds a strong foundation for future stewardship.



Work Environment/Physical Demands/Expected Hours of Work

This team member will operate in a dynamic and energetic environment, where innovative thinking towards achieving common success is appreciated and expected. Work will take place primarily outdoors in all types of weather during the summer. This is a year-round permanent part-time position with a flexible schedule. Instructors will work with a team of naturalists, instructors and volunteers and have a variety of responsibilities including outdoor recreation and environmental education for all ages, staffing the Interpretive Center, assisting naturalists with program development, and maintaining accurate records. Some evenings and weekends required.



Preferred Education and Experience

Bachelors degree in environmental education, natural sciences, education, early childhood education, or related field, with at least 2 years experience preferred. Must have some knowledge or experience pertaining to wildlife, natural history, and local flora and fauna. Program development experience a plus. Must display excellent communication with staff, parents and children. Must have a valid Illinois Driver's license. Must love working outdoors in all types of weather conditions and be able to tolerate biting and stinging insects. This is a permanent part-time position with approximately 20 - 25 hours per week.



Are we the right fit for you....?

Do our Mission, Vision, Values, and Culture fit your life style? Do you meet the competencies for this job and want to work with others who have the same values? If so, then we are where you belong. Come join us and let's enrich the community of Downers Grove together.

Check out our [website](#) and [Instagram](#) for more about who we are and what we do at Lyman Woods.



How to Apply:

Applications are only accepted through our online jobs portal - create a profile and submit your application at www.dgparks.org/jobs

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