

Naturalist

The Downers Grove Park District is searching for: Naturalist



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?

We are seeking a candidate to fill this vacancy due to retirement. The Naturalist position strengthens and supports our nature center at Lyman Woods and its growing environmental education and outdoor recreation programs. Our presence and programs bridge the gap between people and nature, and inspire the community to go outdoors and engage in lifelong learning.



The Ideal Candidate

This team member should: possess a positive attitude, be reliable and dependable, have effective communication skills, display excellent organizational 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 both indoors and outdoors in all types of weather and during all four seasons. This is a full time position. The Naturalist's schedule will include some weekends and evenings as needed. The Naturalist will work with a team of Naturalists and Instructors and have a variety of responsibilities including program development and instruction, registration and scheduling, coordinating instructional staff and programs, and Interpretive Center staffing.



Preferred Education and Experience

Preference would include a bachelor's degree in a related field of study and experience in a similar professional environment developing and providing outdoor programs to people of all ages, especially young children. However, the success of this position lies with the individual, their work ethic and their values, and not necessarily with their resume. Passion, enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and cultural fit are equally important. This position will include teaching and maintenance duties in our teaching apiary; previous experience with beekeeping is a bonus, but being comfortable working with bees is a must.



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 dgparks.org.

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