

At Home in Nature Outdoor Programs, Inc. is seeking a caring, energetic, and experienced individual to join our team of nature school educators for the **2019/20 school year**. The person selected for this position will begin training before the end of June.

Founded in 2012, At Home in Nature is San Diego's first all-outdoor nature school. We are currently in the process of converting from an S corporation to a nonprofit organization devoted to providing early childhood education in nature. The new direction of At Home in Nature as a nonprofit includes goals of advocacy, increasing diversity, supporting research, and developing new programs.

Our Acorn class is a half-day cooperative early childhood nature school (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:15-1:15 pm, Tuesday 9:15-2:30 pm). Ages of the children are three to six years. This position is for a Co-Lead Teacher who will join the original founder to meet regularly for reflective planning sessions to develop and refine our emergent curriculum. This Co-Lead Teacher will have a unique opportunity to be part of the organization's growth and development, bringing their own passion and expertise to add to our vision and nature school days. Our goals are to provide young children a place where they are free to learn through direct experience in nature, guided by skilled and caring teachers. Our high- quality program supports each child as an individual as well as strives to create a strong sense of community within the class, with families and the community at large.

This is a part time position of 28 hours/week. Teaching hours will be 8:45-1:30 weekdays, with an extended day until 2:45 on Tuesdays. Administrative and reflection/planning hours will be included in this position.

#### **Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field
- A minimum of one year of teaching experience with children ages three to six years
- A deep understanding of developmentally-appropriate education for young children
- Adult/Child First Aid and CPR training
- A desire to work collaboratively with a Co-Lead Teacher/Director
- Interest in being a part of a parent cooperative program.
- A commitment to upholding values of inclusivity, diversity and advocacy
- Physical ability necessary to work in an all-outdoor setting; carrying a back pack, lifting up to 45 lbs,
- LiveScan or Trustline clearance
- Willingness to continue training and education in naturalist studies and child development
- Ability to read, write and speak English fluently

#### **Strongly Favored:**

- Naturalist knowledge of flora and fauna of Southern California
- Wilderness skills

- Musical abilities; singing, playing an instrument
- Experience in conflict resolution skills

**Compensation:**

Starting salary \$18.00-\$20.00/hr. DOE. Paid holidays, paid sick leave. Professional growth funds available after probationary period.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to: Patti Shields at [director@athomeinnature.com](mailto:director@athomeinnature.com)