



SEEKING EDUCATOR FOR FALL 2023

We have an opening for a co-teacher, 25 hours per week during the 2023-2024 school year based at PCEI'S Palouse Nature Center, weekdays, 8:30am - 1:30pm, with closures following the Moscow School District. Wage based on experience.

Educators will be teaching children between the ages of 4-7 in an outdoor environment and will have knowledge and experience in play-based learning, emergent curriculum, and local ecology; have a love for nature, teaching, and children; and enjoy being outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Required Knowledge and Skills:

- Candidates who will be considered should have 2 or more years of experience working with children ages 4-7 in a child-centered, developmentally appropriate program. Experience and/or familiarity with child-directed, play-based, emergent curriculum preferred;
- Applicants who currently have or are in the process of obtaining MA, BA, AA, or CDA in Early Childhood Education or related degrees are encouraged to apply.
- Active interest in the natural world and a commitment to its use as a central and daily learning and play environment;
- Aptitude/comfort with learning basic natural history/ecology;
- Able to speak clearly, positively, and effectively with both children and families;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Adult & pediatric first aid/CPR/AED certification;
- Able to lift up to 50 lbs. and move easily in an outdoor setting in various weather conditions;
- Must pass a complete background check.

Some Job Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with children, parents, and staff;
- Maintain a safe learning environment and assure the wellbeing and safety of the children in their care;
- Exhibit a genuine nurturing and caring attitude to all the children;
- Be an active learner willing to continue their growth as a teacher;
- Be enthusiastic and prepared to explore the outdoors with children on a daily basis;
- Be willing to follow the child in their interests rather than dictating their day;
- Willingness to get dirty, sit on the ground in exploration, and play;
- Be actively engaged and contribute to developing the emergent curriculum;
- Observe and document the children's learning, behavior, and development;
- Address the individual needs of each child as they emerge;
- Work directly with other teachers and staff;
- Model kindness, wonder, engagement, and empathy.

To apply, **SEND RESUME, COVER LETTER, AND 3 PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES** to info@palouseroots.com

Palouse Roots is a program of the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) offering Moscow and the surrounding area an outdoor, early childhood program.

