



Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs
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Lead Outdoor Educator Job Call

Job Summary:

Shoresh is seeking to hire a Lead Outdoor Educator for the Shoresh programs. The successful candidate will facilitate meaningful Jewish nature programs that deepen participants' connection to nature, each other and Jewish tradition.

We are looking for a passionate educator who believes sustainability is a Jewish value, who understands the issues addressed by Shoresh's programs and initiatives and who is open to the many ways that community members live and express themselves Jewishly.

Organization Overview:

Shoresh inspires and empowers our community to take care of the earth by connecting people, land, and Jewish tradition. Through nature-based Jewish education, environmental action, and sustainable Jewish products, we offer community members meaningful opportunities to be responsible stewards of the world around us.

Locations:

Programs will be delivered primarily at Cedarvale, Riverdale and Earl Bales Parks and at various other parks and ravines in the Greater Toronto Area. The Shoresh office is located at St Clair Ave W. and Dufferin St.

Compensation, Schedule, and Supervision:

Payrate: \$21-23 / hour

Hours of Work: full days most Sundays (9am-5pm), and corresponding Wednesday afternoons (3:30-6 PM), approximately 3 hours every Sunday for 8 weeks between October 6- December 8
The Lead Outdoor Educator will report directly to Shoresh's Child and Family Program Coordinator.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Program Planning and Preparation

- Scout the necessary trails and areas of the park in advance of the program so that educators are aware of any potential hazards to avoid and can plan program activities accordingly;

- Gather or prepare any necessary materials for each session (Note that all material purchases must first be cleared with educator’s supervisor in order to ensure reimbursement);
- Coordinate program logistics (such as dates, times, meeting locations) with supervisor;

Program Facilitation

- Facilitate meaningful, creative, age and ability appropriate programs, ensuring the safety and well-being of all program participants;
- Ensure that all programs weave together lessons about local ecology, environmental sustainability and Jewish teachings and/or values;
- Nurture, inspire, and empower the next generation of *Shomrei Adamah*—stewards of the Earth!
- Meaningfully mark the completion of a program session;

Program Set-Up and Clean-Up

- Arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the program to set-up and prepare to receive/register participants and conduct COVID-19 online screening;
- Plan to stay an additional 30 minutes to tidy up materials and spaces;

Program Wrap-Up

- After each program, within 24 hours, communicate highlights and issues to supervisor;

Qualifications:

We are looking for someone experienced with:

- Children aged 4-10 and families;
- Facilitating group activities in day camps, after-school programs, or similar settings;
- Jewish education and/or familiarity with Jewish values, teachings, and practices;
- Outdoor education and/or familiarity with and passion for the natural world.

We are seeking someone who possesses the following personal qualities:

- Enthusiastic, warm, motivated, responsible, flexible, and grounded;
- Team worker, strong communicator, ability to give and receive constructive feedback;
- Committed to child-centered educational methods;
- Comfortable spending all day outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Other Requirements:

- Has (or will obtain) current CPR and emergency first aid certification;
- Has (or will obtain) Vulnerable Sector Screening;
- Has the ability to comfortably hike while carrying a backpack of program supplies;
- Has the ability to access multiple sites through Toronto (accessible by public transit).

Desired, but not required:

- Has (or will obtain) valid driver's license;
- Has access to a vehicle;

Shoresh is an equal opportunity employer. We embrace diversity and encourage people of all backgrounds, abilities, orientations, and identities to apply.

How To Apply:

Application Deadline: Monday, September 30th, 2024

Please email your cover letter and resume to hire@shoresh.ca with "Lead Outdoor Educator" and your full name in the subject line. All attachments must each be labeled with the applicant's full name. In your cover letter, please help us understand why you're the ideal candidate by addressing the following questions:

1. What interests you most about this position?
2. Based on the qualifications, why are you a strong candidate?
3. What excites you about Shoresh's mission?

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Our sincere appreciation to all those expressing interest in this position; however, only those applicants invited for an interview will be contacted. We will accept applications until the position is filled. No recruiters please.

Please visit www.shoresh.ca or contact us at 416-805-8382 for more information.