

Garden Educator

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Human Resources

Desert Botanical Garden
1201 N. Galvin Parkway
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Part-time, seasonal. Hours vary; approximately 8-20 hours per week from Oct.-May.

This position facilitates guided field trip experiences for students in Grades K-8, along with their teachers and chaperones, to help them enjoy and care about the Sonoran Desert. Positively representing the Garden during field trips and educational outreach events, the Garden Educator works collaboratively with the Children's Education Team and other members of the Garden to support the department's annual and long range goals within the mission of the Garden.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead, teach, and interact with students, teachers, and chaperones on scheduled field trips using interactive, hands-on and inquiry-based teaching methods. Conduct and interpret assigned tours as written by the Education Department in a safe and engaging manner.
- Assist in the maintenance of materials for guided programs by making and stocking field trip supplies. Participate and complete all assigned pre and post field trip duties.
- Successfully complete Garden Educator training for all field trip content; participate in other professional development meetings as needed.
- Participate in off-site outreach events coordinated by the Education team.
- Perform other duties needed by Children's Education staff.

Requirements include:

1. Teaching and/or work experience in a science-related field or education preferred.
2. Demonstrated informal teaching and group management capabilities.
3. Flexibility to work well in a team environment.
4. Excellent interpersonal skills.
5. Ability to work a minimum of two 4-hour shifts Mondays-Fridays from Oct.-May.
6. Ability to work a minimum of two second Saturday shifts from Oct.-May.
7. Ability to traverse Garden trails in varying weather conditions from Oct.-May.
8. Physical activity includes light bending and lifting (up to 25 lbs.), kneeling, crouching, long periods of standing and walking

