

Position Title: Summer Educator

Coogan Farm/Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (DPNC) is a non-profit nature center in Mystic, CT that provides environmental education programs for all ages. Coogan Farm is home to DPNC's Neighbors & Nature nature-based child care program. Learn more about the mission and programs of DPNC at dpnc.org.

DPNC is seeking an educator to conduct nature-based child care for elementary age students. This program operates out of the Coogan Farm property. Operating hours at Neighbors & Nature are weekdays from 7am to 6pm at Coogan Farm in Mystic. This position is afternoons only, end of June through August. Hours are 11:30 am to 6 pm. This is a seasonal position.

Tasks include:

- Supporting lead educators as they lead our school-age children through daily schedule
- Hiking property to meet education groups and provide lunch breaks to other educators
- Planning and preparing activities for students
- Spending time outdoors in a variety of habitats and weather conditions
- Leading hikes and nature exploration around Nature Center trails.
- Engaging professionally with parents at pick up and drop off times.
- Handling DPNC resident education animals (may include snakes, turtles and frogs)
- Completing cleaning duties to maintain a presentable environment
- Various other duties as assigned by the Education Director and Afterschool Program Director

Qualifications:

- High school diploma
- At least 18 years
- Prior relevant work experience is preferred but not required
- Willingness to work with live animals
- Enthusiasm for interacting with children and teaching them about the natural world
- Comfortable managing small and large groups, both in a classroom setting and outside
- Proficient knowledge of the area's natural history
- Willingness to work professionally alongside various co-leaders
- A valid driver's license