

Position Title: Nature Educator (Bilingual: French & English)
Organization: Earth Path
Location: Just Food Farm (2391 Pepin Ct), Ottawa, Ontario
Position Type: Part-time, contract (August 31 2020 – Dec 19th 2020) with option to renew in January 2021
Hours: 7.5-23 hours/week
Compensation: \$18-20/hour



About Earth Path:

Earth Path is a non-profit organization based in the Ottawa region, dedicated to fostering meaningful relationships between people and the natural world. Since 2013 we have offered programs for people of all ages, including nature school programs for children, field walks for adults, and workshops for teachers, aiming to support the growth of healthy, whole communities connected to the natural world.

Job Description:

Earth Path is looking to hire a part-time Nature Educator (aka. Mentor) to join their teaching team in Ottawa this fall. We are seeking sprightly candidates who have experience working with children in a creative, active setting, preferably in the outdoors. As an ideal candidate, you are friendly, adventurous, and professional, interested in developing naturalist and/or wilderness skills, and able to mentor children in activities such as shelter-building, whittling, sensory awareness games, story-telling, and nature crafts. Candidates who are keen to learn some of these skills on the job are welcome to apply.

Key Responsibilities:

- Help plan and lead engaging nature-based activities for children ages 4-12 with a focus on fostering their nature awareness and connection, environmental stewardship, nurturing curiosity, supporting their positive social/emotional development, and building wilderness skills.
- Help lead fun and active games.
- Maintain an inclusive, supportive, and safe space for all participants.
- Serve as a positive role model, and guide children's behaviour in a patient, constructive manner.
- Share nature-based stories and/or songs.
- Record program highlights (via photos, quotes, etc)
- Help carry program supplies and equipment.
- Assist with the collection of registration forms and the daily sign-in/sign-out sheet.
- Engage with parents during drop-off and pick-up, as needed.
- Pre-brief and debrief with co-mentors before and after each program.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Candidate must be able to participate in moderate to heavy lifting of supplies, and be able to carry a heavy backpack and hike over rough terrain
- Candidate must be between the ages of 18 - 30 at the start of employment
- Candidate must have valid First Aid and CPR certification, or be willing to obtain certification before working with Earth Path.
- Must obtain an Earth Path specific vulnerable sector check
- Applicant must be bilingual: French and English

Successful applicants will also ideally:

- Have a basic knowledge of local flora and fauna (preferred but not required), and have an interest in learning some teachable wilderness skills (e.g. whittling, knots, shelter-building, or fire-building)
- Have experience working with children in a creative, engaging way that nurtures their hands, hearts, and minds
- Be aware of children's social/emotional needs and their stages of development
- Be an astute observer, able to assess and manage risk in an outdoor environment
- Be open to learning, sharing ideas, and receiving feedback
- Be resourceful, flexible, spirited, and adaptable
- Have good time management and organizational skills
- Have excellent communication skills to maintain good relations with parents, community members, and Just Food staff.

If interested in applying, please send your **job-specific resume, cover letter** and **2 professional references** to us at jobs@earthpath.ca as soon as possible. Please see Earth Path's website for more information about our programming and approach, www.earthpath.ca, or contact Acting Director, Nikki Satira, at nikki@earthpath.ca or (613)-858-8822.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Position will be open until filled. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Earth Path is committed to developing an inclusive work environment through our hiring process and we recognize people from diverse professional, cultural and educational backgrounds. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals including, but not limited to: women in STEM; visible minorities; Indigenous peoples; persons with disabilities; and persons of marginalized sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. We also encourage applicants who do not meet all of the stated skills, but feel they would be a good fit for the position to apply and address these differences in their cover letter. If contacted for a job opportunity, please advise us of any accommodation measures required to enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner.