

Teacher/Naturalist – Lichterman Nature Center

Focus: School Programs and Outreach/Public Programs

MoSH - Museum of Science & History - Lichterman Nature Center

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Located in Memphis, TN, the Museum of Science and History is a well-established 501c3 that seeks to create a community of people who share a richer understanding of one another and the world around us. The Museum family consists of the Pink Palace Museum, the Lichterman Nature Center, the Coon Creek Science Center, and other historical properties. We inspire discovery through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the cultural histories and natural sciences that shape our region.

Join our team as we embark on an exciting phase of executing our new vision. Our museum is committed to telling our story by:

- Advocating for Authenticity – Illuminate varying perspectives and uphold accurate interpretation, without glossing over tough ideas.
- Magnifying Belonging – Building active audiences through outreach, co-creation, and participatory inclusion.
- Embodying Holistic Stories – Incorporating context and presenting lesser known stories to portray a complete, systemic picture of the region and its history.
- Constructing Intersections – Creating welcoming common spaces that encourage serendipitous and unstructured engagement and foster meaningful interactions between diverse groups of people.

Responsibilities

As a core member of the Lichterman Nature Center Education team, the new teacher/naturalist will be focused on building and promoting school programs on-site at the Nature Center and outreach opportunities at Mid-south area schools including Shelby County Schools, municipal schools, private and parochial schools and those in sister states of Mississippi and Arkansas. Public programs for children and adults will be an extra task for a highly motivated individual. Public programs include events onsite and offsite for children and adults normally held on a weekend. Coordination with special events and operations manager is required for successful promotion and planning of public events. This teacher/naturalist will report to Chief Teacher/Naturalist at Lichterman Nature Center.

School programs are an integral part of the education effort at the Nature Center. The teacher/naturalist needs to have a high comfort level with talking to educators including school teachers, principals, and homeschool groups in the Mid-south and surrounding areas. Promotion of school and public programs will be a requirement by attending education events such as Teacher Orientation Night, STEM career fairs, and public events where a promotional table is appropriate.

Other duties include teaching school and camp programs as needed, taking group reservations, budgeting and buying needed supplies for school and public programs, safety training of staff, and others set forth by the Chief Teacher/Naturalist.

Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree in education, ecology, wildlife and fisheries, biology, environmental sciences or related field is required; advanced degree or certifications desirable.
- At least 2 years of experience in a similar field (naturalist, educator and etc.)
- Exceptional communication and public speaking skills
- Experience and high level of comfort working with children from preK-12th grade
- Experience and high level of comfort in animal handling (opossums, snakes and etc.)
- Experience and high level of comfort in handling animals while teaching preK-12 grade students
- Ability to meet revenue goals associated with school and public programs
- Ability to work successfully in an environment with staff and other department managers
- Proficiency in setting goals and evaluating and communicating success.
- Strong skills with Outlook 365 programs, Microsoft Word and Excel programs
- Exceptional organizational skills
- Flexible and adaptable work schedule with the ability to attend functions, work nights and weekends, and work independently.

Compensation

Compensation is commensurate with experience and abilities. The Museum offers a full range of benefits, including health care, vacation and sick leave, 401k, and death and disability insurance. The Museum also offers life, dental and vision insurance.

To Apply:

Submit resume and cover letter via e-mail to:

Dr. Dawn Manning

Chief Teacher/Naturalist

Lichterman Nature Center

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Applications will be accepted until July 2, 2021 or until the position is filled. The Museum of Science and History is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity. Academic, credit and criminal background checks will be conducted before a final offer is made. More information about the Museum of Science and History including Lichterman Nature Center can be found on our website at www.memphismuseums.org.