

Lead Educator

JOB SUMMARY

The Educator will work 40 hours per week to coordinate and teach garden and environmental education programs for public school groups and partner organizations. The educator will teach hands-on lessons at the Wylde Center gardens and on site at schools and partner residences. In addition, they will make and maintain community connections and work with the Wylde Center's education staff to develop, track, and deliver the education programs.

It is extremely important that the educator works effectively both on a team and independently, and is willing to both embrace existing programs and show initiative in offering new ideas and developing new programs.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinate and lead environmental, garden, and culinary education programs for public schools and partner groups in the community including:
 - Acting as the primary lead for 2-4 after school programs Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Fridays from 4-5 pm (schedule subject to change).
 - Co-lead environmental education field trips for primarily K-5 students at the Wylde Center's five greenspaces.
 - Teach on-site in Wylde Center partner schools leading farm to school and environmental education lessons
 - Lead taste tests on small and large scales
 - Assist with the high school garden crew internship, likely in June.
 - Co-lead Wylde Center break day-camps alongside the camp director.
- Create and develop curriculum and educational materials for classes with the education staff.
- Measure, track, and communicate outcomes and program status to the education director through data collection and development/delivery of pre/post tests.
- Ensure that programs meet goals as outlined in grants and annual performance objectives
- Represent the Wylde Center at meetings, conferences, tabling events as it relates to the education program.
- Fulfill all duties related to being a member of the Wylde Center staff which includes attending staff meetings, leading workdays, and participating in Wylde hosted community events.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum Qualifications

- Experience working with elementary-school-aged children as an environmental educator.
- Experience working in a classroom, camp, or afterschool environment.
- Gardening experience (professional or hobby)
- A passion for growing, preparing, and eating whole foods.
- Able to work outside to facilitate hands-on learning about sustainable agriculture and the environment.
- Experience developing and delivering garden-based curriculum; experience with environmental education.
- Experience working with diverse communities.
- Takes initiative, self-directed; able to work independently and on a team.
- A high level of personal responsibility and maturity
- Experience in developing, assessing, and managing projects from start to finish. Ability to proactively achieve project timelines
- Demonstrates honesty, integrity, and professionalism at all times.
- All applicants of the Wylde Center must pass a background check.

Preferred Qualifications

- School or community garden experience
- Experience using Google G Suite
- Experience creating lesson materials

ENVIRONMENTAL JOB REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

- Able to work outside in extreme temperatures and weather conditions and on uneven surfaces
- Ability to lift up to 25 pounds
- This position will be expected to work at multiple school and garden locations, both indoors and outdoors, as local pandemic protocols allow.

Travel: Access to reliable transportation to travel between multiple program sites



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OTHER JOB INFORMATION

Compensation: \$16/hour

Benefits: Select employees are eligible to participate in benefits which include (but are not limited to) a medical stipend, accrued vacation and a retirement savings plan.

Schedule: 40 hours/week per week including occasional weekend and evening work.

Work Location: 435 Oakview Rd., Decatur GA 30030

Contact: Sarah Dasher, sarah@wyldecenter.org

Post Date: November 11, 2021

Application Information: Please submit your resume, references, and cover letter to Sarah Dasher, Education Director, at sarah@wyldecenter.org with "Outdoor Educator 2021" in the subject line. **Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.**

Full COVID vaccination is required for this position.

Start Date: February 2022 or sooner if an applicant is selected.



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WHO WE ARE

The mission of Wylde Center is to connect people to nature.

Wylde Center accomplishes this through educational programs, events and greenspaces that actively engage youth, families and individuals in their environment, health and community, and that develop skills in environmental science, sustainable urban living, organic gardening, health, and nutrition.

The organization strives to provide an environment that cultivates a spirit of service, respect for diversity, global citizenship and character. Our commitment to a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture is reflected in a community in which differences are embraced, and staff, volunteers, and community partners have a sense of belonging.

At Wylde Center, we hire culturally competent and responsive candidates who believe in the critical importance of diversity, equity and inclusion in the success of an organization and can effectively incorporate those principles in their professional roles. Wylde Center actively seeks candidates from historically underrepresented populations.

Wylde Center was founded in 1997 out of a need to provide opportunities to experience nature in an urban environment. As a result of the community's involvement and commitment, the organization has evolved into a large and active nonprofit organization operating five greenspaces (Oakhurst Garden, Sugar Creek Garden, Hawk Hollow, Edgewood Community Learning Garden, and the Mulberry Fields Garden) in four different Decatur and Atlanta neighborhoods, open year round for the community, for events and for Wylde Center's educational programs.

Additionally, Wylde Center provides one of the largest youth environmental and science education programs in metro-Atlanta, including the Decatur Farm to School program, Atlanta Farm to School, Healthy Living by Healthy Growing at the Decatur Housing Authority, and science program and field trips linked to Common Core standards.