



Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Weekend Teacher Naturalist

Job Title: Weekend Teacher Naturalist

Location: Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium, Bristol, RI

Job Type: Non-exempt, per diem, no benefits

Reports To: Director, Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium

Salary: \$17.00-\$20.00 hour

Summary of Position:

The Weekend Naturalist works Saturdays and/or Sundays at Audubon's Nature Center and Aquarium in Bristol, Rhode Island. This position is responsible for leading birthday parties, public programs, guided tours, nature walks, and interpreting indoor exhibits. The Naturalist will also assist in animal care, including feeding and preparing diets for animals used in educational programs. Additionally, the role includes supporting the admissions and gift shop areas, assisting with special events and facility rentals, and answering questions on natural history and environmental topics. This position works under the supervision of the Director and collaborates with other staff, volunteers, and interns.

As an ambassador for the Audubon Society of Rhode Island (ASRI), the Weekend Naturalist fosters a commitment to the mission, values, and culture of philanthropy at the Society.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Teach nature-themed birthday party programs and public educational programs for children and adults.
2. Work with animals used in educational programs, including raptors, reptiles, amphibians, and arthropods, as necessary.
3. Prepare animal diets and feed animals when needed.
4. Lead guided tours, nature walks, and offer interpretation of indoor exhibits.
5. Maintain and organize educational props, specimens, and resources.
6. Assist in the front admissions and gift shop areas as needed.
7. Support special events and facility rentals.
8. Provide information and answer questions related to natural history and environmental topics.
9. Stay informed on current environmental and natural history issues.
10. Ensure that program props, specimens, and educational materials are in good condition.
11. Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma and additional course work working towards a Bachelor's degree in a natural science or education field related field.
- Experience teaching both children and adults in educational settings.
- Proven success in program development and curriculum design.
- Experience working with animals is a plus.
- Comfortable and willing to work outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team.

- Willingness to take direction, accept feedback and ask questions.
- Have reliable transportation to and from Bristol, RI location.
- First Aid and CPR certification or ability to acquire within the first few months of employment.
- Background check required upon hire.

Work Environment:

- Work is conducted in both indoor and outdoor environments, including aquarium exhibits, nature trails, and animal habitats.
 - Occasional outdoor work in varying weather conditions.
 - This is a part-time, weekend position. Applicants must be available to work **Saturdays and/or Sundays**, with additional opportunities to work during holidays and vacation weeks.
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How to Apply:

Audubon is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive workplace where all staff, volunteers, and members can thrive. We encourage applicants from all backgrounds, even if they don't meet every qualification listed. We value the unique perspectives and experiences each individual can bring to this role.

Please submit the following as a single PDF attachment:

1. A cover letter explaining your interest in the position, your commitment to protecting nature, and how this role aligns with your career goals.
2. A resume.

Send applications to **lgordon@asri.org** with the subject line: "Weekend Teacher Naturalist."

Audubon Society of Rhode Island is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, military status, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.