



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Our Mission: The nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural world.

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Job Posting: Preschool Specialist, part time

Position Summary: The Preschool Specialist is responsible for teaching science and nature-based programs for children ages 0 to 6 including session classes, adult and child programs, summer camps, preschool field trips, preschool planetarium shows and some seasonal family programs.

Schedule: This part-time year round position requires 6 to 24 hours per week including some Saturdays and occasional evenings.

Responsibilities: The Preschool Specialist is responsible for planning, preparing, and teaching preschool programs for children, and occasional family events. This position will include training and animal handling. The Preschool Specialist must follow the Center's handbook and adhere to its COVID-19 protocols. Regular safety training is required.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a minimum of two years' experience teaching early childhood programs. Early childhood certification or training is preferred. Training and background in preschool counseling, learning interventions, biology, natural sciences, environmental education or related fields a plus.

Organization: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center gives children, families, and young adults a living connection to the natural world through informal science education. It is the only facility providing wildlife rehabilitation in Cuyahoga County; it is one of two public access planetariums in Cleveland; and it is located in a park setting near Lake Erie. The Center offers a distinct blend of programs and free general admission to exhibits about science including live animal habitats.

Begun in 1998, the Center's nature-based preschool program is one of the first and largest in the region. Classes engage children's inherent curiosity about the world by using play based, hands on, and nature based activities to foster social, physical, and academic development. Its preschool teachers encourage children to develop an attitude of inquiry and respect for the natural world through a variety of programs that involve animals, exhibits, planetarium, and park setting. Dynamic age appropriate activities integrate science, math, literacy, and the arts while encouraging cooperative learning and social competence.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a nonprofit organization funded by donations, program fees, and grants including Cuyahoga Arts & Culture through the residents of Cuyahoga County.

Application: Send cover letter and resume to jobs@lensc.org by February 23, 2025, with Preschool Specialist in the subject line of the email.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is an equal opportunity employer.