

About Tree Frog Treks

Tree Frog Treks is a mobile science education company based in San Francisco. We offer a variety of school and community programs designed to make science fun, connect kids with nature, and exercise imaginations of all ages. We endeavor to help children develop better retention skills, an enthusiasm for learning and a greater appreciation of the wonderful world around us. We use contact with live reptiles and amphibians to excite students about science and draw them into a fun, hands-on curriculum.

Summary of Role

This is an educator position for school enrichment programs and special events in and around San Francisco. Both Lead Naturalist and Assistant Naturalist positions are available at this time. Assistant teachers have less responsibility for planning and teaching programs. Teachers will lead school enrichment programs and special events based on different curriculum (provided by Tree Frog Treks). Lead teachers will also be responsible for handling live reptiles, amphibians and insects in order to excite students about science and draw them into our fun, hands-on curriculum. The primary student audience is pre-K through 5th grade, though our community events are open to all ages. This position entails teaching a minimum of 3-5 afternoons a week with the opportunity to increase hours. Classes are scheduled for the afternoon, weekends, and some mornings. A science background is helpful and preferred, but not necessary.

Summer Camp

The position can continue as a Naturalist for summer camp taking place in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Naturalists will lead groups of 15 - 20 campers in activities around the park and on field trips outside of San Francisco. Summer camp runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Each Group will have two instructors creating approximately a 1:8 teacher to camper ratio. Naturalists will have freedom within the student-directed curriculum to inspire and guide campers into discovery.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, and a background in science, art, or environmental education.
- Teaching experience, preferably in a classroom setting.
- Ideal candidates MUST have a car and valid California driver's license. We are a mobile classroom, and teachers are responsible for transporting teaching materials to and from class.
- Must pass TB test and fingerprint clearance through Department of Justice.
- Must be able to maintain constant positive attitude and enthusiasm. Passion for working with youth a must.

Responsibilities of Lead Naturalist

- Lesson Planning
- Transporting teaching materials and animals to and from classes/programs.
- Implement curricula and activities to meet Tree Frog Treks standards.
- Handle/use scientific supplies and materials in a responsible manner.

Science Enrichment Education

- Teach a variety of Tree Frog Treks programs including after school and in-class science enrichment, assemblies, classroom visits, and field trips during the school year. Tree Frog Treks also offers summer camps, birthday parties, nature treks, evening childcare and more.
- Bring creativity and innovative thinking to the program while also adhering to the structured program model.
- Demonstrate a passion to introduce critical thinking and science enrichment to students both in and out of school.

Classroom Management

- Manage groups of 8-25 students, often with an assistant.
- Create a positive learning environment to ensure that students meet Tree Frog Treks education expectations.
- Give clear direction to Tree Frog Treks Assistant Teachers and communicate expectations professionally.

Other Responsibilities

- Collect demographic assessment data to supplement reports for grant programs.
- Communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues.
- Commit to continual professional growth, participating actively in regular Tree Frog Treks meetings.
- Participate in scheduled collaborative curriculum trainings.
- Be responsible for adhering to a varied schedule and arriving on time to assigned classes.
- Behave in a professional manner and adhere to Tree Frog Treks policies and procedures.

Interested? Please send us your resume, cover letter, and application (from website) by email or mail:

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