



Maryland Coastal Bays Program

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2018 Seasonal Environmental Educator

Since 1996, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP), a non-profit National Estuary Program, has been dedicated to preserving and restoring the waters and watershed near Assateague Island and Ocean City, Maryland. We are currently seeking qualified applicants for a paid seasonal position that is focused in environmental education and interpretation. This position is a seasonal one with no benefits. Funding for this position is contingent on the continued availability of grant funding. An ideal candidate will be a highly motivated, recent graduate with a degree in environmental science, environmental studies, biology, education, or other related fields. The chosen applicant will gain professional experience by training one-on-one with the MCBP Education Coordinator.

Primary Responsibilities

The main assignment of the seasonal environmental educator is to assist in the program development, lesson planning, and facilitation of a new Maryland Coastal Bays Summer Camp. The "mobile" camp will run in 5, one-week increments throughout the summer, and cater to both local and visiting youth. It will be held at three different facilities in the watershed. The educator will also help re-design environmental programs focused on the inclusion of at-risk and minority youth.

At MCBP, the seasonal educator will also learn the inner workings of a National Estuary Program, meet key environmental partners, participate in scientific monitoring, and expand their knowledge about the coastal bays. This 9-month position will begin on March 5, 2018, and will run through November 30, 2018. A typical 40-hour work week runs from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday, with occasional evening and weekend work.

Additional responsibilities include:

- ❖ Designing, participating in, and leading educational programs in schools, colleges, and the local community and at environmental education sites, such as MCBP restoration sites and Assateague Island
- ❖ Participating in the lesson planning to build upon coastal bays watershed curricula
- ❖ Working with public schools to engage students in conservation initiatives, such as habitat restoration and service projects, and to promote Green Schools
- ❖ Communication with a variety of ages and backgrounds in an informal setting
- ❖ Planning and facilitating teacher professional development workshops
- ❖ Facilitating environmental stewardship for the benefit of the coastal bays
- ❖ Assisting in the interpretive design and development of an outdoor conservation site to

- enhance learning opportunities at the property
- ❖ Working with leaders of local community groups to create environmental education opportunities to groups such as church groups, gardening clubs, libraries, etc.
 - ❖ Working with other environmental organizations, such as the Maryland State Park at Assateague Island, to create and implement county-wide EE initiatives, teacher workshops, and field trip opportunities
 - ❖ Assisting MCBP's science team as needed with restoration projects, monitoring, and sampling

Desired Qualifications:

- ❖ Bachelor of Science or Art
- ❖ Preferred coursework in environmental science, biology, education, outdoor recreation, leadership, or other related field.
- ❖ Teaching and public speaking experience
- ❖ Can work independently and creatively
- ❖ Basic computer skills including PowerPoint, Word, and Excel
- ❖ Ability to work as part of a small, dynamic team
- ❖ Reliable transportation
- ❖ Ability to work outside in a variety of conditions
- ❖ Able to lift 25 pounds

To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to Liz Vander Clute, Education Coordinator at the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, at lvanderclute@mdcoastalbays.org. **Applications must be submitted in a .pdf format by Friday, November 24, 2017 at 5 pm.**