

Haw River Assembly Environmental Educator Job Description

About the Haw River Assembly

We are a non-profit grassroots citizen organization working since 1982 to protect and restore the Haw River and Jordan Lake. We work to build a watershed wide, diverse community that shares this vision. We advocate for clean water and environmental justice; and carry out educational, monitoring, and river clean-up programs with volunteers. The Haw River watershed is located in the Piedmont of NC and includes Greensboro, Reidsville, Burlington, Chapel Hill, southern Durham and eastern Chatham County. Our office is near the river, in Bynum, Chatham County.

About the Environmental Educator Position

The Haw River Assembly Environmental Educator is a half-time, permanent position with the Haw River Assembly (HRA). This position has flexible hours and requires some weekend and evening hours, with spring and fall the busiest times. The Educator oversees and takes part in Haw River Assembly's watershed education and outreach programs for schools and the public throughout the year, working with the Events and Volunteer Program Manager. This position requires excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills. Previous outdoor and camping experience with work or recreation is highly recommended. The anticipated start date for this position is June 1, 2024.

Job Duties

The Environmental Educator duties include:

- Assisting the Events & Volunteer Program Manager for school education programs: including the Stream Investigation Program (middle-high school students)
- Assisting the Events & Volunteer Program Manager with the 3 week long Learning Celebration Program for fourth grade students each fall (see more below).
- Tabling and representing HRA at public events such as: Creek Week events, local fairs, Earth Day events
- Identifying new programs, events, and outlets where HRA can be represented
- Assist with other HRA events: Annual river clean-up, Haw River Festival, and *Saturday on The Haw* monthly series
- Creating educational and presentation content & materials

Haw River Learning Celebration [September 21-October 11, 2024]: Since 1990, this program has brought fourth grade students (up to 120 per day and up to 1200 children each year) to the Haw River for a day-long field trip. The Learning Celebration takes place at three outdoor venues along the river [Chatham, Alamance, and Rockingham counties] where we set up kitchen, storage and camping tents along the river. For three weeks, our volunteer crew of educators, performers, and river-enthusiasts (led by Learning Celebration staff) guide the students through a hands-on riverside environmental education one day field trip program. The volunteers camp for

the week and share meals together, or come as day volunteers. We also have volunteers who cook lunch and dinner meals for our on-site volunteers and staff during the three weeks of the program. The overall responsibilities of organizing the Learning Celebration (LC) for the environmental educator includes assisting the Program Manager, supporting accessibility, reviewing curriculum standards, and research and implementation of climate change education ideas. The Environmental Educator is expected to be on site during the school program hours and encouraged to camp with the other staff and volunteers.

Other Responsibilities—and Being Part of the Team!

The Environmental Educator is part of a team of people – HRA staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and members - who are dedicated to the mission of protecting and restoring the Haw River through our educational and advocacy programs. The Environmental Educator supports the mission and activities of the Haw River Assembly and shares that knowledge with volunteers and the community.

Job Qualifications:

- North Carolina Environmental Certification, Bachelor's Degree in Environmental or Educational field, or equivalent work experience
- Previous work experiences teaching and working with students and the public
- Outdoor experience, with physical ability to hike on trails, and carry supplies
- Willingness to camp onsite with volunteers and other staff for all or a portion of the three weeks of the Learning Celebration program in September and October each year
- Competency with word processing, spreadsheet, and database programs as well as social media
- Strong team ethic and integrity in collaborative, inclusive, and highly-effective organization

Other Desired Qualities

- Awareness and involvement with environmental issues
- Bilingual in English / Spanish
- Lives within the Haw River Watershed

Compensation, Benefits, and Values

This is a part-time staff position for approximately 85 hours per month at \$26 per hour (pre-taxes). The hours may be averaged over a month. Additional working hours accrued during the three week Learning Celebration will be compensated at \$26/hour. The position will be supervised by the Events & Volunteer Program Manager. Benefits include paid annual leave, paid holidays, and a monthly stipend of \$125 to assist with health insurance costs. We value a healthy work-life balance and offer opportunities for staff development. Mileage reimbursement is paid for travel expenses to events.

Application Process

If you are interested in this position and meet the essential qualifications, please send a cover letter and resume in PDF format to events@hawriver.org, with the subject line “(YOUR LAST NAME), Environmental Educator Position”. If your materials indicate a potential match for our requirements, we will contact you for an interview. The position is open until filled; interviews will be scheduled in late April and early May. The projected start date is June 1, 2024. The Haw River Assembly is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome a diverse field of candidates.