



# HUYCK PRESERVE AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION

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## **Summer Educator**

The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station is now accepting applications for seasonal staff for its summer K-12 education programs, running in July and August.

Applicants must have completed or be working towards a BA/BS degree, in a science-related field. Supervised by and coordinating with the Executive Director, the summer educator will be the lead instructor for elementary and middle school programs and help teach lessons for the Preserve's high school course. Preference will be given to applicants with a strong interest and/or background in field ecology and environmental or outdoor education.

## **Summer Course Descriptions:**

*Nature Study: July 10-21 (M-F) (9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm)*

Held in week-long, half-day sessions, Nature Study teaches K-5 students about nature through play-based lessons and exploration of the Huyck Preserve's trails and streams. We use children's curiosity as our guide. Science-themed games and crafts reinforce the basic concepts of ecology and environmental science.

*Ecological Explorations: Middle School, Grades 6-8 (July 24-28, 9am-4pm)*

This full-day, week-long course allows middle school students to get up-close to the Preserve's ecosystems and organisms. Days are spent hiking the trails, exploring the ecosystems of the streams, lake, pond, and forests, problem solving, and participating in group challenges and activities.

*Wildlife Ecology Research: High School, Grades 9-12 (July 31- August 11 (M-F), 9am-4pm)*

Wildlife Ecology Research is an intensive two-week day program where high school students learn basic ecological principles through hands-on research experience. Education staff and ecologists from colleges and universities around the region will instruct students on broad topics in ecology. Wildlife Ecology Research culminates in small group research.

Learn more about summer education programs here: <https://www.huyckpreserve.org/summer-programs.html>

## **Responsibilities:**

Creating lesson plans for elementary and middle school programs, instructing elementary- and middle school-level classes in the classroom and outside; assisting in teaching the high school class; prepping and cleaning-up each day

## **Job Details and Duration:**

This is a full-time, seasonal position running from approximately July 3-August 11, 2023 (M-F).

**Salary:** starting at \$15 per hour; based on experience

**Required Qualifications:**

Completion or work towards a BA/BS in a science-related field  
Experience and interest in working with children  
Experience or interest in environmental education  
Ability to work independently and as part of a team  
Excellent organizational skills and work ethic  
Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions and to navigate rugged terrain

**Additional Requirements:**

The finalist must pass a criminal background check before being hired.  
All staff must adhere to current Huyck Preserve's COVID-19 protocols and be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (accommodations may be made based on medical or religious needs).

**Desirable Additional Qualifications:**

Experience/interest in field biology and research  
Experience team building  
Familiarity with flora and fauna of the northeastern United States

**Deadline: Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted, and the position may be filled prior to the deadline of April 12, 2023.**

**To apply:****Apply via email following the instructions below:**

Applications may be sent directly to Anne Rhoads, Ph.D., Executive Director, at [anne@huyckpreserve.org](mailto:anne@huyckpreserve.org) with "SUMMER EDUCATOR POSITION" in the subject line.

Please include the following:

- 1) A cover letter describing your interest and reason for applying as well as the skills you will bring to the position
- 2) A current resume no more than two pages in length
- 3) Contact information for two professional references

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