

Seasonal Position – Summer Naturalist

Definition:

This is a part time, seasonal position under the general supervision of the Environmental Education Coordinator. The Summer Naturalist will complete up to 480 hours of service May – August 2026. Depending on applicant's availability, the position will start sometime in May and end sometime in August, working up to 40 hours per week.

Essential Functions of the Job:

- Assist with the development, organization, and presentation of environmental education programs for the public, civic and conservation groups, youth groups and schools in Jackson County.
- Plan, assist, and lead activities for summer day camps for youth at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.
- Care and maintenance of materials and equipment used for programs.
- Open and staff Hurstville Interpretive Center on a shared weekend and evening basis with other staff.
- Care for captive animals at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.
- Perform other duties as directed by the EE coordinator, naturalist, or executive director.

Requirements:

- Beginning knowledge of environmental themes and issues, outdoor skills, recreation programs, basic ecology, field identification and natural history.
- Ability to work with K-12 students and the public.
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather and terrain conditions.
- Must be professional, courteous, respectful, dependable, and trustworthy.
- Preference given to applicants with at least one year of college; preferably in a conservation, environmental science, or other related field.
- Valid driver's license.

Compensation:

Hourly rate of \$14.00

TO APPLY:

Applications can be picked up at the Jackson County Conservation office at the Hurstville Interpretive Center or downloaded from our website at www.jacksonccb.com, click on Employment.

Send completed employment application, cover letter and resume to:

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For additional information call 563.652.3783

Accepting applications until position is filled.