

## **Summer “Wee Discoverers” Teacher at The White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, CT**

The White Memorial Conservation Center is a private, nonprofit nature center and museum that provides year-round education programs for children and adults. The Center is nestled in the heart of The White Memorial Foundation, a 4,000 nature sanctuary in the northwestern hills of CT. Four guiding principles direct our work: education, conservation, recreation, and research. Please peruse [whitememorialcc.org](http://whitememorialcc.org) for more information on our property.

White Memorial is looking for someone to teach a weekly 2-hour program known as “Wee Discoverers” for children ages 4 and 5 during the summer of 2018. Activities include stories, crafts, games, and outdoor time to engage preschool-aged children. Historically, the program has been taught on 5 consecutive Tuesday mornings during the summer, although this schedule can be altered based on the availability of the candidate. Compensation will be \$14/hour (\$14.25 for returning employees) and includes 2 hours of teaching time and 2 hours of prep/breakdown time for each of the 5 sessions. Housing and benefits are not provided.

### **Tasks may include, but are not limited to:**

- Prepare and facilitate nature-related activities for preschool-aged children, including onsite hikes, crafts, games, and story times
- Supervise and provide enriching activities for up to twelve 4-5 year-olds at a time
- Lead children on hikes and other outdoor activities leaving from the Nature Museum on White Memorial property
- Deal with any first aid issues that may arise
- Oversee drop-off and pick-up of children
- Communicate with parents about any scheduling conflicts or behavioral issues that may arise
- Always carry attendance sheets, registration forms with emergency info, and emergency medications brought by the children
- Provide a lesson plan to the Education Director for each of the 5 sessions
- Prepare and maintain the Children’s Corner of the Museum as the “homebase” of the program

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Completion of at least 2-3 years of college education in the fields of environmental education, natural history interpretation, conservation biology, elementary or preschool education, or a related field. Equivalent experience may be considered.
- Prior experience working with young children
- Enthusiasm for interacting with children and teaching them about the natural world
- Comfort in speaking publicly and managing groups of up to 12 young children, both in a classroom setting and outside
- Proficient knowledge of the area’s natural history
- A valid driver’s license
- Current First Aid certification (or the ability to obtain before June 15, 2018)

### **How to Apply:**

Applications are due by **Friday, February 16**. Please send a cover letter stating the specific job title(s) you are applying for, your resume, and a list of three references to Carrie Szwed, Education Director, at [carrie@whitememorialcc.org](mailto:carrie@whitememorialcc.org), or mail to: White Memorial Conservation Center, P.O. Box 368, 80 Whitehall Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759