

Outdoor Educator - Naturalist

Come on out to explore the hills and hollers of northeastern West Virginia! We are hiring an outdoor educator/naturalist to join our team for a term of approximately 8 months, starting with Spring School groups, leading into summer camp, and finishing with Fall School groups. Responsibilities include teaching workshops, leading hikes, supervising sleep outs, and introducing children to the beautiful wildlife sanctuary we call home!

School Trips (Spring & Fall):

Grades 1-8 attend 3-day, overnight programs. Groups of about 30 students are accompanied by teachers and parent chaperones who supervise free times and assist with bedtime and some kitchen duties. BCWS interweaves hands-on nature, science, arts, and humanities. The program develops alongside the children, increasing challenges and skills each year.

Summer:

During the summer, we have three, two week sessions for campers age 11 - 15, one session for 8 - 10 year olds (one week long) and a weekend for adults of all ages. During the summer program, staff teach workshops, supervise camper projects, lead afternoon activities, and help to run evening program. Each session involves several sleep out experiences. Opportunities are available each session to be lead cook or assistant cook.

- Naturalists teach classes, lead hikes, facilitate traditional camp activities, assist with some daily operations and facility upkeep, as well as guiding student work teams in some kitchen tasks
- A workweek is 5 days. Weeks vary, but there are half-day and full day chunks of free time between trips. Some set up and cleaning work will be required on days when students are not present.
- Staff participate in program design, set up and breakdown. With classes, workdays are ~7 a.m. to ~9 p.m., with breaks. Occasional duties later at night may include night walks or tenting sleep-outs.
- Qualifications: Individuals with proven interests in education, field biology, and conservation, age 18+.
- Experience working with children ages 6-13 is ideal, and comfort working alongside adults is helpful. Must be physically able to lead hikes and a few sleep-outs.
- Wilderness First Aid and CPR are required. Fees for this training will be reimbursed.
- Lifeguard certification and/or experience with institutional kitchen operations are a plus.

Dates: Mid-April - Early November

About us:

The [Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies](#) (BCWS) is the mountain campus of the [Burgundy Farm Country Day School](#), a progressive school where priorities include diversity, nature, and environmental sustainability.

Among summer camps, the Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies stands out for its small size, having a nature/outdoor focus, supporting a friendly, non-competitive community, and for living on the land according to the standards we profess. We count among our strongest assets the beautiful wildlife sanctuary that we call home, the energetic, knowledgeable, imaginative, caring staff who set the tone, and the traditions that have withstood the test of time. Our camp inspires creativity, respect, and growth, bringing campers back year after year and our school programs, which spiral learning about a special place and its life and ecosystems, inspires school students and parents to become better stewards.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School actively maintains its commitment to equal opportunity for all employees. To fulfill this commitment, we recruit, hire, promote, and retain individuals in all job titles without regard to race, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions), religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, or disability.