Franklin Conservation District

Classroom-Based Educator – Tri-Cities, WA

Job Summary

Established in 1952, The Franklin Conservation District has helped landowners and producers within Franklin County protect, conserve, and sustain our natural resources.

Our mission is to promote education, conservation, and the wise use of natural resources by providing technical and financial assistance to natural resource users.

The Classroom-Based Educator will develop relationships with area teachers and schools to implement the Wheat Week, Drain Ranger and Jr Drain Ranger programs. The ideal candidate will have experience teaching children of various ages as well as adults. They must be professional, enthusiastic, flexible, and a solid team player driven by results.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Coordinate and teach Wheat Week, Drain Ranger and Jr Drain Ranger lessons to area elementary schools (Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties)
- Coordinate and deliver teacher workshop in Project WET, Project WILD and Project Learning Tree (training will be provided if not a certified Project trainer)
- Track and record daily, weekly, and monthly outreach events
- Maintain a public calendar
- Monitor inventory of teaching supplies
- Provide content for the website on agency programs and community events
- Develop educational and outreach materials; ensure agency has materials for distribution
- Participate in community education and outreach events (Home & Garden Show, RiverFest, etc.)
- Contribute to a healthy and friendly work atmosphere

Required Qualifications and Skills

- Experience in teaching in the elementary classroom setting (i.e. teacher, para-educator, volunteer educator, substitute teacher)
- Ability to work independent of supervisor
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to speak before a wide variety of audiences
- Must pass national criminal background check
- Knowledge of agriculture, earth science, natural resources
- MS Office proficiency required
- Experience with Google products (Drive, Calendar, Mail)
- Experience with social networking and web content development
- Ability to work nights and weekends on occasion
• Must have a vehicle, valid driver’s license, and insurance
• Must be able to lift up to 20 pounds (occasionally)
• Personal qualities of humor, integrity, credibility and punctuality
• Must be aligned with the mission of the Franklin Conservation District

Preferred Qualifications

• Bachelor’s degree in Education (or enrolled in certification program), Natural Resources, Environmental Science, Communications or related fields
• Experience using Photoshop, InDesign and/or Illustrator

Job Type and Salary

This position is full-time from September 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The potential for continued employment through the summer is dependent upon grant funding. Compensation based upon qualifications. This is an hourly position with no benefits except sick leave as accrued according to Initiative 1433. Salary range is between $21.00-$23.00 DOQ.

Additional Information

Information about the Wheat Week and Drain Rangers programs can be found at www.franklincd.org.

How to Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter to Kara-Kaelber@franklincd.org. First screening of applicants will begin on August 5, 2022 and continue until filled.