Position Overview: The environmental education volunteer will lead and/or assist student field trip activities on Capitol Land Trust (CLT) conservation properties.

Responsible To: Outreach & Education Coordinator

Key Responsibilities:
- Engage students in the wonders of the natural world.
- Share your knowledge.
- Foster student curiosity.
- Ensure timely activity rotation.
- Answer student questions.

Initial Impact: Environmental education volunteers have an important role in connecting, or reconnecting, today’s children to nature and provide a quality outdoor experience to local youth. By volunteering in our education programming, you expand CLT’s ability to reach younger generations. As a volunteer, you will gain new knowledge, feel good about how your time is spent volunteering, and have fun doing it!

Sustained Outcomes:
- Inspiring the next generation of conservation leaders.
- Gaining community support for conservation.
- Building relationships with community members.
- Creating a personal connection to the natural world.

Training Provided: Training will be provided during a volunteer orientation held approximately 1-2 weeks before the first field trip of the season. Training for the Bayshore FieldSTEM program is held in October and training for the Inspiring Kids Preserve program is held in April. These trainings serve as an introduction to our programs, a tour of the field trip site, and practice with the field trip activities.

Support: Environmental education volunteers work with the Outreach & Education Coordinator where open communication is encouraged. The Outreach and Education Coordinator is present on field trip days to provide support. Resource and knowledge sharing among volunteers is encouraged. Education volunteers have the opportunity to provide program feedback and ask questions throughout the program.

Commitment: CLT currently has two education programs: the Bayshore FieldSTEM Initiative® and the field trips at Inspiring Kids Preserve. Environmental education volunteers are required to attend a 5-hour volunteer orientation for the program you would like to be involved in. We request volunteers sign up to lead or assist on at least one field trip day, but the more the better.

Field trips for the Bayshore FieldSTEM Initiative are held in Shelton, WA on Oakland Bay. These trips serve 7th grade students from the Shelton School District. Field trip days for the Bayshore FieldSTEM program are approximately a 7-hour commitment, not including drive time. We begin around 7:30 am for set up and are done around 2:30 pm. Field trip days are held in late October/early November and we typically have 6 days of field trips.

Field trips for the Inspiring Kids Preserve program are held in north Olympia, WA on Henderson Inlet. This program serves 3rd grade students from the North Thurston Public School District. Field trip days are approximately a 5.5-hour commitment, not including drive time. We begin at 8:30 am for set up and are done
Field trips for this program are held in late April. We will have 4 field trip days for the 2019/2020 school year.

**Skills and Qualifications:**
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Willingness to learn and share knowledge about Pacific Northwest ecosystems and history.
- Willingness to participate in different types of weather.
- Maintain a fun attitude when working with children.
- Flexibility.

**Benefits:**
- Opportunities to meet and get to know others who are interested in the natural world.
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation event.
- Learn new skills.
- Professional references.
- Share your knowledge with the next generation.

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