



## Conservation Kids Education Volunteer Position Description

**Position Overview:** The Conservation Kids education volunteer will lead and/or assist third grade field trip activities at Capitol Land Trust's (CLT) Inspiring Kids Preserve.

**Responsible To:** Outreach & Education Coordinator, Sarah Croston,  
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### 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:** Volunteers play a key role in programs that connect kids to nature and increase the number of people benefitting from conservation. By facilitating lessons and conversations, we build a stronger community that values conservation. 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 for Conservation Kids (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) is held in late March/early April. This training serves as an introduction to the program, a tour of the field trip site, and practice with the field trip activities.

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

**Commitment:** We ask that our volunteers attend the training of the program they would like to participate in and sign up for at least one field trip day. Day-of field trip commitment is about 5.5 hours. Volunteers are responsible for traveling to and from the

training and field experience locations. Conservation Kids is hosted in northeast Olympia at Inspiring Kids Preserve. Six Conservation Kids days are held in mid to late April.

**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
- Spend time outside
- Learn new skills
- Professional references
- Share your knowledge with the next generation