

## **Education (Volunteer) Trainees**

### **General Information:**

Based at our Brandon Marsh Nature Centre offices, the Education (Volunteer) Trainee will be provided an invaluable opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in engaging children and young people in their natural environment. This will be achieved by assisting the Education Rangers to deliver an extensive and varied programme of formal and informal environmental education activities including: (i) curriculum based education activities; (ii) supporting children's parties and holiday workshops (iii) supporting the development of outdoor play activities (iv) Early Years and Nature Tots activities

### **Role(s):**

- To provide day to day support and assistance to the Education Rangers in the planning, preparation and delivery of environmental education activities.

Trainee Role 1- to focus on early years and nature tots

Trainee Role 2 to focus on primary and holiday workshops

### **Responsibilities:**

- Support Education team with the organising and delivery of programmes of activities for schools and other groups visiting to Brandon Marsh Nature Centre and Parkridge Centre, Solihull.
- Deliver a wide range child focused activities (formal education, parties, holiday activities)
- Support education staff with maintaining adequate stocks of educational materials and resources.
- Assist with developing and producing new materials and resources for use in Centre-based educational activities, relating to biodiversity, recycling, sustainability and other environmental issues.
- Assist with promoting, development and provision of out-of-school activities for children including after-school clubs, school holiday activities and Wildlife Watch and the benefits of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust junior membership
- Deliver all activities to a high quality and set standards
- Ensure all work is undertaken within the Trust's Health & Safety Policy and Procedures and complies with Child safeguarding requirements
- Work with volunteers/members of the public in a professional manner
- Undertake and complete City & Guilds 0070 level 2 certificate in Work-based Environmental Conservation

### **Examples of the activities that we offer are:**

Pond dipping

Minibeast hunting

Bird watching

Sensory activities

Arts and Craft activities

Wildplay sessions

Family Bat evenings

After school clubs and uniform groups e.g. brownies, beavers, scouts

School assemblies to deliver promotional talks

Person Specification:

<b>Essential:</b>	<b>Desirable:</b>
Desire to be activity involved in wildlife conservation and environmental education	Relevant education and /or experience
Desire to inspire children and young people about the wonders of the natural world	Experience of working with children
Enjoy engaging with people of all ages but especially children	
To communicate effectively, especially with children and young people	
High levels of motivation and enthusiasm	
Ability to work as part of a team	
Ability to work without direct supervision	
Valid driving licence	
Provision of satisfactory references and completion of an enhanced CRB check	

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

You will be provided with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust corporate clothing. And the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as applicable

**Hours of work:**

Minimum of 3 days per week between Monday - Friday essential. The hours are 09:00 to 16:30. Some weekend and evening work will be required.

**Training provided:**

- Health & Safety
- Risk assessment awareness
- Lifting and manual handling
- Child Safeguarding
- Attendance of up to 4 internal training courses relevant to your role and CPD. Topics include introduction to ecology, fundraising and consultation, species identification and learn and discover
- City & Guilds 0070 level 2 certificate in Work-based Environmental Conservation – specially focusing on units relating to Environmental education

**Line Management:**

The Education (Volunteer) Trainee role forms part of the structure of the education and Training team and will report to the Senior Education Ranger who in turn reports to Education and Training Manager (see staff structure)