

Part-time Naturalist Job Description

Stillman Nature Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located on 80 acres of woods, water, and grassland that features school programs and birds of prey. Our volunteer educational staff consists of all retired teachers who have graduate degrees in biology or related fields.

Duties: 1) *Assist naturalist with educational programs and activities.* This could include pond study and bird banding classes done at the nature center as well as off-site raptor programs conducted at local libraries, schools, and other locations. This also could involve working on printed educational materials.

2) *Captive raptor care and management.* The Nature Center's educational displays include nine species of permanently-injured birds of prey. The naturalist will help in all aspects of working with the raptors. These duties will include everything from cage cleaning and talon trimming to helping with education programs.

3) *Maintain trails.* This will involve removing branches plus spreading chips and gravel along the trails.

4) *Identify and control non-native plant species.* Buckthorn, garlic mustard and teasel all need to be addressed. Particular attention should be given to species found in our area but not yet established in the nature center (e.g. purple loosestrife).

5) *Supervise summer college interns.* The interns should be able to do Items #1-4 under the direction of the part-time naturalist and the nature center's director.

NATURALIST TRAINING & SUPERVISION

Stillman's Executive Director, Mark Spreyer, will be responsible for the naturalist's training and supervision. The naturalist will also receive guidance from the nature center's experienced raptor handlers, landscape volunteers, and environmental educators.

REQUIRED EDUCATION

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in Environmental or Outdoor Education, Field Biology, Natural Resources, or related undergraduate concentrations.

PREFERRED EXPERIENCE

Two years of educating groups of all ages. Ideally, this experience should be in an outdoor setting.

COMPENSATION & HOURS

\$17/hour for an average of 20 hours/week. The hours will include weekends and some evenings. More than 20 hours per week may be required in spring and fall, fewer than 20 hours in winter and summer months. No benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a letter of interest and a resume. Also, please provide the names of three references and the best way to contact them. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.