



Position Available
Youth Outdoor Exploration Lead
Year Round – Part Time

Background

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The organization works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy. The Coalition works throughout the entire Buzzards Bay watershed to protect the region's coastal, river, and drinking water quality and the upland forests, wetlands and streams that support a healthy watershed/bay ecosystem. We are supported by 9,300 members and hundreds of volunteers.

Key to a clean, healthy Bay is an engaged community that values our local environment, understands the threats that Buzzards Bay faces and their own role in protecting it. In support of our mission, the Coalition is committed to engaging the people of Southeastern Massachusetts in discovering and connecting to the incredible natural resources of the region. We seek to empower people of all ages and backgrounds to explore and connect with the beaches, salt marshes and coves of Buzzards Bay as well as the forests, rivers and streams of the watershed through hands-on, outdoor exploration.

Position Description

The Buzzards Bay Coalition seeks an energetic and responsible individual to lead youth exploration programs in New Bedford, MA, and across the Buzzards Bay watershed. These programs aim to foster discovery, connection, and active stewardship. The position reports to the Outdoor Exploration Manager.

The responsibilities of the Youth Outdoor Exploration Lead include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) Develop and implement outdoor exploration programs for 4th and 5th Grade students who attend New Bedford's Sea Lab Marine Science Center. These programs are outside the classroom and immerse New Bedford student - both literally and figuratively - in Buzzards Bay.
- 2) Lead 4th and 5th Grade classes on walks to explore the shoreline of New Bedford's [East Beach](#) and learn about Buzzards Bay and the plants and animals

they find. Last year, 1,251 students got to tap into their natural curiosity and spend more time learning outside with the Coalition through Sea Lab.

- 3) Ensure a safe environment for all outdoor, on-the-water, and shore-side activities.
- 4) Management and care of program equipment and supplies.
- 5) Responsible for grant evaluation and reporting tasks.
- 6) Grant research and application when requested.
- 7) Lead family and youth Bay Adventures, when requested, communicating the Coalition's mission and the importance of signing up for the Bay Buzz e-newsletter and becoming a member.
- 8) Recruit, train, and manage volunteers for additional program support.

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher, with a focus in environmental/marine science
- Experience with outdoor exploration and inquiry-based learning methods and planning
- Experience leading groups of all ages in the outdoors
- Strong communications skills, including comfort with learners of all ages and strong oral communication & interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work some weekends or in the evenings
- Comfort working outdoors in various weather conditions
- Able to serve both independently and as a member of a team
- CPR and First Aid certifications
- Knowledge of Buzzards Bay, the southeastern Massachusetts landscape, and watershed ecology, and familiarity with local and regional issues, preferred

Salary/Benefits

This is a year round, part-time position totaling 20 hrs/week. Salary is \$22/hour. No employee benefits are provided.

To Apply

Please send a resume and cover letter, via email, to:

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The Buzzards Bay Coalition is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks a diverse pool of candidates in this search.