

## Naturalist Volunteer

The Carrie Murray Nature Center (CMNC) invites responsible and adventurous individuals to apply for our part-time outdoor education Naturalist position. Joining the CMNC team as a volunteer provides valuable experiences in teaching, leading, and learning in “Baltimore’s Backyard.” Located in west Baltimore, Gwynns Falls Leakin Park is one of the nation’s largest urban wilderness parks!

Naturalists work with the Nature Center to direct school classes as well as outdoor events around the Park. The primary goal of this volunteer position is to spark a sense of wonder for the natural world in both children and community visitors. Naturalists lead trail hikes, explain environmental facts, discuss native plants and animals, share artifacts from the local environment, and empower young environmental stewards in the city.

Training, a history of the Park, and an orientation of the Nature Center are all provided. This opportunity is also available for internship credit. Being an outdoor naturalist helps our community appreciate and learn about our local, natural environments.

### OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with environmental education programs such as field trips or summer nature camps
- Ensure that children have fun, safe, playful experiences at the Gwynns Falls Leakin Park
- Assist with animal care, and trail and garden maintenance
- Demonstrate professional standards of communication, attitude, and appearance in every interaction with children, parents, and BCRP staff

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have completed at least one year of college
- Experience working with children
- Strong interest in nature, environmental education, environmental sciences, outdoor education, or related field
- Eager to learn new approaches and best practices in environmental education and teaching children
- Eager to discover and interpret local natural history
- Excited to explore the Park in all weather
- Excellent communication skills and references
- Reliable transportation
- Kind, humorous, considerate attitude always preferred!



### COMMITMENT

Must be available weekday mornings and weekends during specified internship period (Summer interns: June – August; Fall interns: Sept. – Dec.; Spring interns: Jan. – May; School year interns: Sept. – May)

**To apply, please send your resume and two references to:**

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