

Seasonal Naturalist (Tulpehaking Nature Center)

The Mercer County Park Commission seeks a Seasonal Naturalist to help lead programs at the Tulpehaking Nature Center. The nature center is the main educational facility for the Abbott Marshlands, a historically important area south of Trenton containing 3000 acres of forest, tidal freshwater wetlands, and one of the most significant American Indian archaeological sites in the Eastern United States.

The main duty of the Seasonal Naturalist is to lead engaging environmental education programs on the weekend for scout groups, families, and the public, with opportunity for additional hours during the week for leading school field trips, after school, and other programs if desired. This position will also assist the Director of Environmental Education as needed, including but not limited to: staffing information tables at fairs/festivals, coordinating volunteer events, and trail monitoring. Weekend availability required.

Wage: Hourly wage commensurate with experience. 14-29 hours/week.

Responsibilities:

- Create and lead nature center programs for a variety of audiences, especially scouting groups and families.
- Serve as the first point of contact for visitors, monitoring the front desk as needed, answering questions and communicating with the public about upcoming programs.
- Assist in providing care and maintenance of teaching animals.
- Assist in development of interpretive materials; including signage, pamphlets, and social media updates.
- Assist with occasional trail work/maintenance or native garden maintenance.
- Assist the Director of Environmental Education on other tasks as needed.

Qualifications:

- *Must be a resident of Mercer County*
- *Available Saturdays and Sundays*
- Experience with children and/or leading groups
- Knowledgeable about nature, the environment, and/or history, and interested in sharing that with others
- Must be people oriented, have a positive attitude, and the ability to professionally represent the Park Commission to the public
- Comfort working independently as a leader and part of a team
- Ability to work outdoors on trails with uneven terrain and in variable weather conditions.
- Valid driver's license highly desirable

How to apply: Please send a County application, cover letter and resume with two references to:

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Application deadline: Position open until filled. *Mercer County is an EOE/AA/ADA Employer.*



Aaron T. Watson
Executive Director

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Brian M. Hughes
County Executive