

## **NATURALIST (Seasonal)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves assisting in preparing and conducting diverse environmental awareness and nature interpretive programs through the use of a broad range of natural history disciplines. Conscious awareness of environmental relationships and concerns as well as the ability to speak effectively to groups/individuals at all ages is necessary. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the Director of Nature Interpretation. Supervision is not a function of this position. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** Assists with the following:

Plans, prepares and conducts environmental awareness programs for schools, civic and special interest groups and the general public in parks and other locations;  
Evaluates and revises educational and informational programs as needs change;  
Plans and prepares displays for the nature center and special programs;  
Promotes environmental awareness programs through positive public and community relationships;  
Inventories and protects environmental resources of the County park system that are of special value or interest;  
Gathers information for programs and publications related to nature programs;  
Provides field resource information for the development of nature trails;  
Operates a variety of hand tools;  
Requisitions equipment and supplies;  
Keeps records of attendance, time sheets, correspondence and makes periodic reports;  
Receives mail and/or phone requests for program dates to schedule groups;  
Inspects nature trails for litter, vandalism and general appearance.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of a broad range of natural sciences, including zoology, geology, botany and ecology as well as the ability to interrelate them;  
Skill in communicating effectively with persons of all ages and abilities;  
Ability to lead large groups in a presentation and group discussion;  
Ability to follow moderately complex oral and written directions;  
Ability to keep program records;

Good organizational skills;  
Resourcefulness;  
Initiative;  
Courtesy;  
Patience;  
Tact.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A) Completion of 60 semester credit hours of study from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees; OR
- B) Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and two years of experience which involved the development and implementation of environmental awareness and natural history programs for the general public; OR
- C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of A) and B) above.

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