Job Title: FOUR WINDS NATURALIST-EDUCATOR
Reports to: Four Winds Director
Position: Part-time Professional

To Apply: Email a cover letter and resume to:
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Description: Four Winds Naturalist-Educators present high-quality, engaging place-based natural science lessons for volunteers that prepare them for working with elementary school children. Our educators are the public face of Four Winds in our communities, working to advance the understanding, appreciation, and protection of the environment through community-based natural science education and research.

Nature Program Trainer Responsibilities:
- Present high-quality educational workshops to adults on a variety of natural science topics;
- Be knowledgeable about each of the monthly topics and review all activities and materials ahead of time;
- Be familiar with the Next Generation Science and Common Core standards as well as best practices in teaching adults as well as children of all ages;
- Identify and share strategies for adapting learning activities for different grade levels and abilities;
- Model practices that use the outdoors as a teaching resource and foster the social, emotional, cognitive, and health benefits of nature-based play and learning;
- Prepare all workshop teaching materials (other than slides and other materials-to-be-loaned);
- Work with other Four Winds staff to develop new lessons and new programs, as appropriate;
- Drive to all regions of Vermont and neighboring states to present educational programs, as assigned;
- Support program coordinators and volunteers in providing a solid, vibrant natural science program to the children in the schools;
- Schedule workshops, submit payment forms, collect loaned materials, and handle other administrative details associated with the position.

Other Responsibilities, as assigned, may include:
- Co-facilitate early childhood education professional learning communities (15 contact hours/PLC) focused on nature-based play and learning;
- Co-lead parent/family nature-based play and learning multi-session discussion/play groups;
- Other mission-focused projects and programs of interest to staff.

Qualifications:
- B.S. or B.A. in Environmental Education, Science, Education, or related field (Master’s preferred);
- Extensive place-based natural science teaching experience, working with preK-8 students, adult volunteers, educators, and community organizations;
- Excellent public speaking and presentation skills, comfortable with audiences of all sizes;
- Solid research and writing skills and experience;
- Ability to teach (and learn!) outdoors for extended periods of time through the seasons;
- Strong administrative and organizational skills;
- Home office, computer, internet access AND fluent in Microsoft Office suite and Google products;
- Possess a valid driver’s license and reliable transportation;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team – we meet as a full staff 4-6 times/year;
- Ability to lift up to 40 pounds and lead moderate to strenuous field explorations;
- Positive and enthusiastic work ethic!

Compensation: This is a part-time professional staff position. In 2022, the hourly pay rate is $22.75/hour. Work-related travel is reimbursed at the IRS-approved mileage reimbursement rate. Staff accrue paid time off, prorated according to hours worked and years of service. Various other benefits available.