



Cultivating passion for the natural and cultural resources of Piscataway Park...

Position: Educator

Reports to: School Programs Manager

Direct Reports: None

Classification: Non-Exempt

About the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation manages approximately 200 acres of land for public use within Piscataway Park, a national park located in Prince George's County. Through a partnership with the National Park Service, the Accokeek Foundation interprets the past, present, and future of agriculture and environmental stewardship. The park is open daily to visitors of all ages to enjoy a quiet landscape for education, recreation, and reflection.

Position Overview

Educators serve as an informed and friendly ambassador for the Accokeek Foundation, providing engaging interpretive and educational experiences to school groups and the general public. Educators will lead programming on the cultural, historical, and environmental significance of Piscataway Park and its impact on the local community. In this role, educators are responsible for delivering peak in-person and virtual educational experiences that challenge and expand participant perspectives and personal experiences with history, culture, and the natural world. This position is onsite with limited optional remote work as applies to daily duties.

Duties and Responsibilities

Primary role:

- Leads participants through cultural, historical and environmental educational experiences with K-12 schools and public programming, group tours, and special events.
- Respectfully engages and facilitates courageous conversations on topics such as slavery, environmental justice and relevant issues related to our programming with teachers, students, participants, staff and volunteers while representing the Foundation.
- Facilitates interactions with visitors of all ages at events and public programs.
- Interacts with and/or performs as 1st person interpreter to tell Indigenous, European tidewater farmer, and enslaved/free African histories significant to the site with accuracy and displays the human side of history respectfully and accurately.
- Supports implementation of MWEEs by providing in class visits to schools, leading outdoor field experiences and supporting student action projects
- Promotes and supports Accokeek Foundation values and mission through visitor engagement and interaction.

- Prepares for and takes down educational programming including light maintenance and inventory management of educational materials and facilities.
- Participates in routine internal trainings, professional development, all staff meetings and stakeholder events.

Support role:

- Supports teacher professional development workshops introducing MWEE elements
- Supports agriculture team with occasional feeding and care of livestock, maintenance of garden and interpretive crops.
- Supports visitor services by staffing the visitor center and serving as a park ambassador during outreach events.
- Supports natural resource stewardship by maintaining trails and natural areas.
- Supports virtual content creation, digital media and library organization.
- Works with students, interns, volunteers, and the general public to support the Foundation's mission.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Required:

- Able to engage effectively with culturally diverse audiences, and audiences of varying ages
- Associate's degree or equivalent from two-year college or technical school; or one to two years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Excellent communication and time management skills
- Experience working with youth in outdoor settings
- Reliable transportation and ability to commute to schools regionally
- Daily local travel necessary with some early mornings, late afternoons and regular weekends (1-4 days/month) and evenings
- Organized, adaptable, a problem-solver, and personable
- Comfortable being outdoors in all weather
- Able to be fingerprinted and pass a background check
- Must speak English proficiently

Preferred:

- 1st person interpretive experience
- Studies/experience in living history, museum education, environmental education or other topics related to programs
- Stage and film performance or other public speaking experience
- Certification in Environmental Education, MWEE 101 & 102, OR Certified Interpretive Guide



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- Experience leading Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences
- Classroom or group management skills indoor and outdoor
- Comfortable using basic tools, such as shovels and drills
- Experience with and ability to use technology and online programs including Office 365, Google Drive, Excel, Canva, and Altru preferred
- Proficient in Spanish, American Sign Language, and/or other additional languages

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit, use hands, reach with hands and arms, and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand, walk, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl, and taste or smell. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 70 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and distance vision.

Compensation and Benefits

This is a **part-time, non-exempt position** with starting pay of \$16-18/hour. The Accokeek Foundation provides eligible employees working a minimum of 20 hours per week a comprehensive benefits package including flexible paid time off, cost share benefit, paying 50% of health insurance premiums, retirement matching, and paid disability and life insurance.

To apply: Send a resume and cover letter describing how your experience, skills, and interests make you uniquely qualified for this position by email with the subject line **“Educator”** to info@accokeek.org.