



Worms and Wildflowers Nature School Educator Position

Position Title: Early Childhood Educator

Location: White Rock, New Mexico

Duration: Continuous thru the school year
(August – May), intermittent summer hours available.

Desired Hours:

M, T, W, TH, 8:00AM – 1:00 PM

We are looking for a dedicated individual who is passionate about helping children learn and grow, while connecting to the outdoors thru farm and nature-based education. This position will co-teach our early childhood Wiggle Worms Nature Class, ages 2-5. Educators will be paid monthly with an hourly rate starting at \$20/hour with raises available.

Minimum Requirements:

- 21 years or older
- A college degree
- Experience caring for young children
- Extremely reliable and the ability to work desired hours
- Two references and a cleared back-ground check
- Comfortable with extended time outdoors in all weather conditions
- Comfortable handling or the desire to handle farm animals, including chickens and goats
- Excellent communication skills with children and adults, including verbal and written
- Ability to create and teach activities and lessons with children
- Ability to lift 30-40 pounds
- Ability to attend professional development trainings and be first-aid certified or wilderness first-aid certified
- Willingness to self-reflect and revise lessons based on success and student interest
- Skilled in managing risk and supporting young children's risky play

*Ability to bring your own child in the age range! 50% Employee discount given.

Desired qualifications:

- At least two years teaching early childhood or elementary education
- An interest in the outdoors and knowledge of our local ecosystem or farm and garden concepts.

ABOUT: Worms and Wildflowers Nature School is an LLC and operates on the three-acre residential property of Denise and Christopher Matthews in White Rock, New Mexico. Denise Matthews is the director, and lead-educator. Our programs offer outdoor, all-weather, early childhood education in a comforting home like environment. Whole child and place-based

education guide our daily activities through gardening, food production, animal care, and nature play. Classes and programs operate out of an outdoor living classroom and inside studio space with a kitchen and bathroom. Our outdoor living classroom includes a nature play area, a large garden, and a greenhouse. Also accessible on our property is a wild fort building area next to the goat barn and chicken coop.

As a nature school Worms and Wildflowers students will spend most of their day outside. Outside time, along with a Reggio Emilia inspired curriculum, will allow children to experience a deep and personal connection with the outdoors, their own learning, and the community. On any given day you may see children taking self-calculated risks, including digging in the mud, jumping in puddles, climbing in trees, creating with sticks, or petting goats!

To Apply:

Send resume and two references to

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Interviews will begin in May