

Help Wanted: Volunteer Discovery Leaders

Program Information: With about 900 acres of native tallgrass prairie, plus woods, streams, ponds, and original nineteenth century wagon ruts from the Nebraska City-Fort Kearny Cutoff to the Oregon Trail, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center is a diverse and engaging outdoor classroom. Education opportunities are offered for schools (Lincoln public schools, surrounding community schools, et. al.) and the general public. These hands-on, minds-on programs encourage all age groups in the development of observation skills, the use of the scientific method to investigate topics and interests, and the development of problem-solving skills necessary in becoming responsible conservationists.

Job Description: Energetic individuals with a passion for tallgrass prairie and who are interested in sharing that passion are needed to facilitate educational experiences for people of all ages.

Job Type: Volunteer, seasonal fall and spring.

Availability: April and May, September and October, other times as needed. Current First Aid/CPR certification desired but not necessary. Background check required.

Hours: Variable, usually between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Qualifications:

- * Eighteen years of age or older.
- * Skilled in creating a safe, warm, and welcoming atmosphere to awaken children's curiosity for and enjoyment of nature.
- * Able to interact well with children, teens, and adults.
- * Willing to work outdoors in any weather as necessary.
- * Interested in local natural history and the outdoor environment.
- * Reliable, self-motivated, creative, and a team player.
- * Willing to complete program facilitation training.
- * Organized with attention to detail.
- * Committed to the mission of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center.

Physical Demands: This position requires the following physical activities: bending, kneeling, walking, talking, hearing, and visual acuity. The work is performed primarily outdoors in a tallgrass prairie preserve and can require hiking up to two miles.

To Apply: E-mail, fax, or mail cover letter to: Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, P.O. Box 117, Denton, NE 68339; Fax: (402) 797-2304; scp@audubon.org.