

FIELD NATURALIST Inside the Outdoors

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The mission of the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is to ensure that all students are equipped with the competencies they need to thrive in the 21st century. OCDE is a public education organization offering support services to 27 school districts and more than 600 schools and 20,000 educators serving over 500,000 students in Orange County. Our vision is that Orange County students will lead the nation in college and career readiness and success. We play a supportive role in the fulfillment of this vision in collaboration with educators at all levels of student development and in partnership with families, businesses, and community organizations.

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As a leader in hands-on environmental science and cultural history programs, the Inside the Outdoors (ITO) program has three major goals:

- Encourage the development of participants' environmental literacy and appreciation of the environment.
- Broaden participants' understanding of science ideas related to the Next Generation Science Standards and California's Environmental Principles & Concepts.
- Foster students' and the communities' commitment to the protection of the natural environment.

Inside the Outdoors field trip programs take place in parks and open spaces throughout Orange County. During our programs, Pre-K through 12th grade students step into the shoes of ecologists, geologists, and other scientists as they explore our local ecosystems and discover local cultural history.

Selected candidates will:

- Deliver environmental education and cultural history field trip programs to pre-K through 12th grade students from schools across Orange County..
- Enforce safety rules for students, classroom teachers, and chaperones.
- Hike on trails for up to one mile and traverse stairs and uneven terrain while carrying equipment.
- Work as a team with other ITO staff to set up and take down programs.
- Handle a variety of animals, including rats and snakes.
- Promote Inside the Outdoors and deliver programming during public community programs and partner events.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Three years of related education, work experience, volunteer experience, and/or training is required.
- Bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university with major course work in biology, ecology, earth systems science, education, or a related field is strongly preferred.
- Experience working with school-age children, especially in an outdoors environment, is highly preferred.
- Experience working and collaborating with diverse communities is strongly desired.
- Must possess and maintain a valid California driver's license and the ability to maintain insurability under OCDE's vehicle insurance policy.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- \$19.50 per hour
- Positions range from 2-5 days per week from September through June.
- Daily hours typically begin at 8:00 am and range from 4-8 hours per day. Occasional late afternoon, evening, and weekend shifts will be required.
- Limited summer work may be available.
- Though regularly scheduled during a traditional school calendar, this position is considered a temporary classification with hourly pay.

Current CPR and First Aid Certificates are required within first two months of employment.



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