

**Position**

1st Grade Teacher

M-F, 7:30am to 3:30pm | August 2022-May 2023

Posting Date

January 10, 2022

Overview

Nature School at Camp Albemarle is a faith-based, play-based, child-led & emergent learning, mostly outdoors, all-weather outdoor school. We serve children age 3 to 14 through half day preschool & homeschool classes, and full day K-5th classes. Our mission is to educate and inspire the whole child, and to prepare each student to be an engaged explorer of their world, learning about nature and learning through nature. Visit our website at www.campalbemarle.org/nature-school to learn more about our program.

Job Description

We are seeking a lead 1st grade teacher for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. This teacher will be responsible for a class of 12 students. Our teachers are expected to develop close relationships with their students, creating rich, faith-based learning environments and experiences tailored to the unique learning needs of each student, inspiring and nurturing them to be independent, creative, and compassionate. Our teachers are mentors, trained in the art of asking the right questions to open-up fields of inquiry to guide student learning. Our small student to teacher ratio enables our teachers to truly focus on each student as a whole person.

Ideal Candidate Qualifications:

- Love for Jesus
- Love for nature and excitement about being outdoors
- Minimum of 3 years teaching experience and a Bachelor's degree required; a Bachelor's in Elementary Education with NC certification, highly preferred
- Team-oriented with a collaborative approach to working with colleagues and parents while also able to work independently
- Ability to plan lessons, adapt curriculum, facilitate project-based learning, and follow students' emerging interests while meeting NC state standards
- Ability to be flexible, and have an open mind and willingness to learn new teaching methods
- Physically capable of performing teaching duties with enthusiasm regardless of the weather (rain, wind, cold, heat) including the ability to walk distances and over uneven terrain, facilitate Sound exploration days and carry a backpack and supplies
- Passion for working with children as a guide, encouraging them to reach their fullest potential
- Excellent organizational skills, detail-oriented work style, and strong initiative and motivation

- Current First Aid with CPR (or able to complete prior to start date)

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- This position is directly responsible for implementing the 1st grade curriculum, while also collaboratively developing emergent curriculum and projects based on student interest and seasonal happenings
- Carefully observe and keep daily records on each student's individual progress and learning growth
- Work to develop close and effective relationships with parents, together creating a Personalized Education Plan (PEP) for each child that fosters the education of the whole child learning at their own pace
- Use Conscious Discipline and Responsive Classroom methods for facilitating social-emotional learning; phrases directives positively and follows the school's Behavior and Discipline Procedures
- Facilitate time for free play, exploration and healthy risk-taking throughout each day while ensuring the safety of each child
- Mentor and direct the Supporting Teacher
- Daily preparation of learning areas and materials
- Responsible for the maintenance of program tools and equipment and nature school spaces
- Complete professional development hours, as specified by the Nature School Director at the start of the school year, and attend all staff meetings and fundraising events

Benefits

- Paid holidays (Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, MLK Jr. Day, Good Friday, and Spring Break)
- Sick and personal days
- Free week of summer camp
- Reduced tuition for your child(ren) at Nature School
- Priority enrollment for children of staff
- Professional development opportunities

Camp Albemarle is unable to provide insurance for its employees

To Apply

Send letters of interest and resumes to heather@campalbemarle.org. Candidates will not be considered for the position unless both a letter of interest and resume are submitted. Letters of interest should indicate what position you are interested in and highlight why you want to work at Nature School and your experience with working with children. Letters of interest and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Direct questions about the position to the e-mail above. Please do not call or send social media messages regarding this position.

