

Position: After School - Watershed Educator

Position Summary

EarthTeam, a community-based non-profit dedicated to “inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders through engaging and hands-on environmental projects,” is seeking an energetic and creative *Aqua Team* Watershed Educator to facilitate weekly after-school meetings- linking 10th-12th graders from Richmond High School to the concepts of local ecology, watershed, and native habitat restoration and to assist EarthTeam’s Restoration Director and community partners in involving students in field-based projects in their local watershed, one Saturday of every month.

***Aqua Team* Overview and Mission:**

The *Aqua Team* program is a watershed education and restoration program for underserved teens in the Richmond area. The main goal of *Aqua Team* is to foster life-long environmental stewardship by having students participate in activities that improve water quality and support local watershed management. Specific objectives that enhance water quality and benefit watersheds and communities within the Cities of Richmond and San Pablo include:

Promoting life-long community based stewardship by (1) educating urban youth on the connection between conditions in local creeks and the health of the San Francisco Bay, and (2) empowering urban youth to improve water quality and ecosystem health in local watersheds;

Assisting regional efforts to restore native ecosystems, improve water quality, and assess watershed health; and,

Raising Community awareness of watershed issues by encouraging Richmond High School students to reach out and share knowledge of local watershed issues with their community.

Qualified applicant will have:

Taken courses in environmental studies, ecology, or teaching or be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a related field

Experience working with urban youth and willingness to be a good leader and role model for teens

Interest and/or experience working in the Richmond community

Desire to work collaboratively with the Restoration Director and partners

Strong communication and organizational skills, including computer proficiency

Sense of humor

Responsibilities

Facilitate weekly after-school educational program, and related tasks, which include:

Recruiting up to 12 stipended Richmond HS students for the program (table during the after school fair and visit classrooms in early September).

Teaching groups of 10-12 high school students in the classroom setting

Creating a timeline of watershed education topics you plan to discuss during weekly after school meetings.

Implementing classroom curriculum that introduces and expands upon watershed/local ecology/ and restoration concepts covered during the monthly field-based activities.

Working collaboratively with Restoration Director and meeting/conversing regularly to provide regular program updates.

Assisting youth during field-based restoration projects; administering monthly written evaluations following each project.

Developing additional curriculum and support material as needed.

Maintaining ongoing communication with the students' involved in the program.

Participating in necessary trainings/meetings related to the program.

Compensation: Part-time contractor position (maximum of 25 hours of work each month) *Salary* \$18/hr. There are no life, medical, dental, and/or disability plans available to the contractors of EarthTeam.

About EarthTeam

EarthTeam is a Berkeley-based 510c3 non-profit, serving Alameda and Contra Costa County teens, teachers, and watersheds and dedicated to “creating a new generation of environmental leaders by introducing into the classroom and the community environmental experiences that are so active and engaging that they inspire a dedication to a healthy environment.” (our mission) EarthTeam’s staff work with middle and high school students, teachers, administrators, clubs, and other community-based nonprofits in order to accomplish this mission.

To Apply: Interested applicants should mail or email a cover letter and resume to the above questions on or before August 1, 2008 to: EarthTeam--*Aqua Team* Watershed Educator Position, 2530 San Pablo Ave. Suite L Berkeley, California 94702 or email to trisha@earthteam.net. Position will begin in late August 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.