

Title: Education Team

Purpose: Plan and implement education program in local schools for greater awareness of West/Rhode watershed awareness.

Description of Duties: Volunteers will work with Volunteer Coordinator to plan education program with a local school, develop a series of lesson plans, and teach children in a school and/or after school program about the importance of conservation and restoration on our rivers.

Qualifications: We are looking for volunteers that have experience and enjoy a classroom/outdoor classroom setting with children. Volunteers in the Education Team should all be familiar or willing to learn watershed ecology well enough to teach at local schools. The Education Team will also be conducting out-of-class lessons so a willingness to get dirty during a lesson will be necessary for some events.

Time Requirements:

- There are no specific time requirements for this position.
- Logistics such as which school, teacher, classroom, lesson, etc. will be planned out by Volunteers and Volunteer Coordinator well in advance.
- The lessons will vary in time, but will last between one and four hours (depending on age, setting, and lesson).

Orientation/Training: Volunteers will need to know watershed ecology very well but can be trained by West/Rhode Riverkeeper staff before the lesson if necessary.

Benefits: As an Education Team Volunteer, you will get to interact and teach watershed ecology and “Riverkeeping” to interesting, exciting children in the area. For older age groups, you will be able to conduct outdoor lessons followed by a service opportunity. This position is perfect for retired educators, high school and college age community members pursuing teaching as a career, and anyone else that enjoys working with children and/or young adults. Volunteers interested in local watershed ecology will gain the opportunity to learn from our Riverkeeper and others in the area as well!

Reporting Procedures: Volunteers will record their hours on their Volunteer Timesheet and return this via-mail, drop-in or e-mail to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Location: Volunteers will conduct meetings at the West/Rhode Riverkeeper office at Discovery Village and conduct lessons in classrooms and outdoor settings within the limits of our watershed.

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