

# Newport Tree Conservancy – Environmental Educator

## Full-Time, Year-Round Position

## About Newport Tree Conservancy

Founded in 1987, the Newport Tree Conservancy (NTC) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing Newport's urban forest. We plant and care for city trees, preserve historically and culturally significant specimens, and connect people with nature through hands-on learning and volunteer opportunities.

Working closely with the City of Newport, we strive for tree canopy equity, ensuring every neighborhood enjoys the beauty, shade, and health benefits of trees. Our education programs reach more than 500 students annually in Newport's public schools and extend into community centers, camps, and partner organizations throughout the city.

## Position Overview

The **Environmental Educator** is the heart of NTC's teaching team, bringing energy, creativity, and collaboration to our education programs. This full-time, year-round role is all about inspiring curiosity, building connections, and making environmental learning exciting for people of all ages.

From school classrooms to outdoor arboretum walks, you'll design and lead lessons that blend science, storytelling, and hands-on activities. You'll work closely with fellow educators, horticulture experts, and community partners to spark a deeper appreciation for nature, and have fun doing it.

## What You'll Do

- **Teach & Inspire:** Lead engaging, age-appropriate lessons for K–12 students, community groups, and the public.
- **Create Together:** Collaborate with staff to design interactive programs, think outdoor games, nature challenges, and creative projects.
- **Be a Connector:** Build relationships with schools, youth organizations, and community centers to expand our reach.
- **Plan with Purpose:** Coordinate schedules, prepare materials, and ensure programs run smoothly.
- **Team Up:** Work alongside the horticulture and engagement teams to bring tree walks, scout badges, garden club visits, and public events to life.
- **Celebrate Learning:** Track program successes and find fun, new ways to make an impact.

## **What We're Looking For**

- Bachelor's degree in environmental education, science, or a related field preferred
- At least 3 years of teaching or educational program experience (formal or informal)
- A love for working with learners of all ages and backgrounds
- Experience in outdoor education, urban forestry, or ecology a plus
- Strong teamwork, communication, and storytelling skills
- Creativity, flexibility, and a willingness to try new approaches
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather
- Spanish language skills a plus

## **Extra Details**

- Must be able to lift up to 25 lbs and have a valid driver's license with reliable transportation
- Occasional evening or weekend events (and they're usually pretty fun!)
- Join in on NTC's community events and fundraisers, you'll be part of the team that makes them happen

Salary range \$45K-\$50K

Health insurance reimbursement

401K

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