

Friends of the Chicago River



TITLE: School Program Facilitator for the Chicago River Schools Network (CRSN)

REPORTS TO: Education Manager

DATE: _____

Summary: Friends of the Chicago River is the only organization exclusively dedicated to improving the Chicago River. Friends offers a part time position for a person who cares about the environment and views the river as an important part of the history, culture, and future of the Chicago region.

Position Overview: As a member of the education and outreach team, the School Program Facilitator will help build the Chicago River Schools Network (CRSN) by recruiting new schools in the Calumet region. The facilitator will gain experience in facilitating site-based, environmental education as a way of raising awareness and increasing knowledge of the Chicago-Calumet River system for participating schools, teachers and students.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Set up meetings with prospective schools in the Calumet region to promote the CRSN.
- Communicate the benefits of the program to administrators and teachers.
- Facilitate classroom presentations to students in grades K-12 about the Chicago-Calumet Rivers.
- Lead field trips for K-12 students to the Chicago River—including in-river activities (in hip waders), water quality monitoring, ecology/nature exploration, and habitat restoration activities.
- Maintain water quality monitoring equipment.
- Setup and staff educational displays at environmental fairs and other community events.
- Deliver lectures on the watershed for various community groups.
- Assist in the preparation and teaching during Chicago River workshops.
- Assist with the planning and implementation of the Chicago River Student Congress, scheduled for February 2024.

Qualifications:

- Completed at least one year of college.
- Completion of or pursuing a degree or certification in education, life science, natural resource management, or similar course of study.
- Experience and/or genuine desire to work with school age (K-12) students.
- Knowledge of local ecology and Chicago River a plus.
- Familiarity with the Calumet region a plus.
- Ability to work independently.
- Valid driver's license and access to a car, with current insurance coverage, that can haul equipment.

This temporary position works 140 hours from February through May. Some work on Saturdays and Sundays for events, as needed. Compensation for this position will be \$15.40 per hour. Benefits available include paid sick days and pre-tax transportation deduction.

To Apply: Please send cover letters and resumes to jobs@chicagoriver.org.

Please NO calls, faxes or emails (other than emails presenting resume and cover letter).

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