

City of Winooski Volunteer Position Description

Eco-Educator Volunteer

Overview

Under the direction of Winooski Recreation & Parks, in partnership with the Winooski Valley Parks District, the Eco-Educator volunteer will lead a group of kids through Winooski's natural parks introducing them to the wildlife living as their neighbors. Each week, for six sessions, the Eco Educator will assist students in their exploration of local birds and animals. They will provide structure so that the participants may gain understanding of how to use binoculars, basic tracking techniques, and snowshoes. Students will journal their findings in this ecological investigation of their hometown. Ultimately, our volunteer will work alongside Winooski's Youth Programs Coordinator to help facilitate a fun and educational experience for middle schoolers.

Schedule

Wednesdays / 2 – 3 PM / January 13, 2021 - February 17, 2021

Responsibilities

- Follow Winooski Valley Park District's curriculum including tracking, birding, and snowshoeing
- Monitor youth behavior during weekly sessions
- Create positive learning environment for all students
- Attend a virtual orientation training with the Youth Programs Coordinator and the Winooski Valley Parks District to review program curriculum

Requirements

- Must be able to pass a background check to work with children
- Must be able to walk short distances in the cold
- Experience in child education or child care for kids ages 8-15 is preferred
- Background in environmental education is a plus

Note: Volunteers may perform other related duties to meet the ongoing needs of the organization. Failure to comply with any requirement listed here, including violation of any Volunteer Program Guidelines, Park Policies or City Policies may result in release from the Volunteer Program.

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