



Kingston Forest & Nature School

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Forest School Educator/Facilitator

Position: Part-time Forest and Nature School educator or facilitator

Location: Harrowsmith, ON

Hourly Wage: \$18/hour

Schedule: 12-38 hours/week (see schedule below, min. 2 days/week + team meeting)

Duration: Fall 2021 Session (September 13-December 10, 13 weeks) and beyond

Overview:

Kingston Forest & Nature School (KFNS) is a play-based, child-directed, all weather, outdoor, nature-rich program for children aged ~2-13 years old. We are seeking adventurous and enthusiastic educators/facilitators to join our team! Children are innately competent, curious, and capable learners and KFNS & its staff aim to promote their holistic development.

For the Fall we will offer weekly programs on Mondays (8:30-3:30), Tuesdays (9:00-1:00), Wednesdays (8:30-3:30), Thursdays (9:00-3:00) and Fridays (8:30-3:30). Facilitators arrive 30 minutes before program start time and stay 30 minutes after program end time. There is also a weekly team meeting (1 hour) and some paid prep time (varies by program).

Qualifications/Experience:

- Early Childhood Education diploma (ECE), Bachelor of Education (B.Ed. – Primary/Junior), Child and Youth Worker diploma (CYW), or equivalent
- Current First Aid with CPR-C (or able to complete prior to start date)
- Current criminal record check and vulnerable sector check
- Experience working with children
- Physically capable of performing facilitating duties with enthusiasm regardless of the weather (rain, sleet, snow, heat) including the ability to walk distances and over uneven terrain, carry a backpack and supplies
- Familiarity with the Forest and Nature School (FNS) model as defined by Forest School Canada (<http://bit.ly/fnsguide>)
- Understanding of and appreciation for the benefits of risky play, loose parts, play-based learning, inquiry-based learning, emergent curriculum, and nature play





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Recommended/Preferred:

- Forest and Nature School (FNS) qualifications or experience
- Experience working in an outdoor setting
- Familiarity with the local flora and fauna, to include poisonous plants and their identification, or be willing to seek outside training or self-study
- Interest in learning about and improving upon your outdoor skills including knots, fire building and cooking over a fire, shelter building, self-care/appropriate clothing, leave-no-trace practices and interacting with local wildlife

Description/Responsibilities:

- Implementation of a dynamic Forest and Nature School program
- Ensuring the safety of all children including, but not limited to, forest play, hiking, climbing trees, using tools, or while in close proximity to such things as fire, standing water, streams and other terrain
- Daily preparation of learning areas and materials
- Maintenance of program tools and equipment
- Working closely with other facilitators to plan, prepare, and co-create seasonal activities and projects utilizing natural materials, locally foraged or sourced
- Implementing mentorship strategies that are individually focused and age appropriate, with an emphasis on compassion and respect
- Willingness to attend weekly facilitation team meetings, staff trainings, parent meetings and KFNS related events
- Regular communication with co-facilitators and parents, in person, by phone, or e-mail regarding the program and the progress of their child or children

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume at your earliest convenience via email to Monica Miller, founder of KFNS, at kingstonforestandnatureschool@gmail.com. Interviews will begin the week of August 9th.

We thank all applicants for their interest however only candidates invited for an interview will be contacted.

