



SAVE OUR SHORES EDUCATION ASSOCIATE

Position: Education Associate

Reports to: Program Manager

Status: Seasonal part time position, 20 hours per week (nonexempt). Compensation is hourly and includes paid sick leave.

Schedule: The person in this position will be available and willing to work 20 hours per week for the position term. Schedule will vary depending on programmatic needs but will primarily be Monday through Friday with some weekend, evening, and holiday work required as needed.

Position Term: July 10th, 2023 – December 22nd, 2023

Location: Santa Cruz, California

Pay: \$20.00 - \$21.50 based on experience

About Save Our Shores: Save Our Shores is a small, grassroots non-profit organization focused on marine conservation in Santa Cruz, CA. We were founded in 1978 in response to the threat of offshore oil drilling along the Central Coast and were integral in the designation status of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Since then, we've worked to protect our coastline from other threats including plastic pollution and illegal sand mining. Our efforts have expanded since our inception to include delivering marine science education to local students, engaging community members in stewardship activities, conducting outreach for pollution mitigation, and continuing the invaluable advocacy work upon which our organization was founded by pushing for policies that protect oceans, coastlines, and connected communities.

Job Purpose:

Join our education team! The Education Associate's primary duties include delivering engaging, hands-on environmental education lessons and activities during the Junior Sanctuary Stewards afterschool program in the Monterey Bay area and assisting with other Save Our Shores education programs as needed. These programs aim to connect youth with local coastal and marine environments, introduce them to marine science concepts, and empower them to participate in ocean stewardship.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Deliver educational lessons, activities, and field trips to students in grades K-12 in the Monterey Bay region independently and in partnership with other staff.
- Maintain educational supplies, coordinating with other staff to ensure supplies are shared, and preparing and replacing supplies before and after events.
- Correspond with a diverse range of external program partners.
- Track and enter program data in database.

Other Duties

- Support other public programs as needed, including but not limited to beach cleanups, outreach events, advocacy events, and others.
- Support the facilitation of community programs.
- Collaborate with other team members and departments on special projects as needed.

Preferred Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities:

- Educational background in marine science, environmental science, education, and/or related field, or demonstrated equivalent experience.
- Experience in the field of environmental education (EE) and/or working with youth in outdoor settings.
- Possession of or willingness to obtain First Aid and CPR certification.
- Familiarity with the Monterey Bay region and local marine conservation issues.
- Experience using Microsoft Office and Google Suite programs.
- Strong team player, flexible, and willingness to work with others and independently.
- Possess strong communication skills, including verbal and written communication.
- Special consideration for Spanish speaking bilingual applicants.

This Position Requires:

- Driving throughout the Monterey Bay region and transporting supplies (such as educational or cleanup materials that may be sandy and dirty); this mileage is reimbursable.
- Completion of a background check and fingerprinting process.
- Covid-19 vaccination attestation.
- Standing and sitting for long periods of time.
- Walking up and down stairs, 2-3 miles on sandy beaches, and uneven ground.
- Lifting up to 50 pounds.

How to Apply: Please email cover letter, resume, and 2-3 professional or academic references to Krista Rogers (krista@saveourshores.org) with the email title: EDUCATION ASSOCIATE APPLICANT. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Save Our Shores is an equal opportunity employer and dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all employees and qualified applicants. Applications are strongly encouraged from people of color, people from low-income backgrounds, immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, people who are differently abled, and bilingual and bicultural people.

These duties, percentages, dates, and descriptions are subject to change.