



September 1, 2026

BIRTHDAY PARTY EDUCATOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

I Job Overview:

Job Title:	Birthday Party Educator
Department:	Facilities & Operations (Rentals)
Classification:	Non-exempt, hourly
Job Type:	Part-time (weekends) with a rare evening
Job Status:	Employee, on an as needed basis
Reports to:	Director of Operations
Supervisory Role:	No
Travel:	No

II Job Summary:

This individual will function as an educator to conduct and lead our birthday parties on the weekends and on a rare evening. The successful candidate will present NCSL designed curricula and hands-on outdoor experiences for children aged 3-12 along with their parents for our program based B'Earthday Parties. The candidate must be passionate about nature and the environment and be able to convey age-appropriate knowledge and enthusiasm.

III Job Responsibilities & Duties:

A. Administrative/Preparatory (25%):

- Communicate, primarily via email, with NCSL staff several times a week for scheduling and logistics involved with arranging and preparing for Birthday Parties.
- Communicate with renters in advance of the parties to ensure all necessary information is shared.
- Prepare for parties by collecting necessary tools and materials.
- Stay current and work collaboratively with all Nature Center staff to ensure excellence and maintain continuous improvement of NCSL curricula and programs.



B. EDUCATION: (70%):

- Present and lead Nature Center B'Earthday Party one-hour programs to children primarily 3-12 years of age, as well as adults.
- Conduct hikes and other outdoor activities, as per the program selected, in all seasons or weather conditions.
- Assist families with room setup and facilitation of Birthday Party for three-hour contract duration as well as clean up.
- Act as liaison between renter and the facilities by guiding them as needed and informing them of the elevator, kitchen and restrooms.
- Be knowledgeable and enforce NCSL rules and procedures.
- Ensure a positive visitor experience by engaging visitors of all ages.
- Direct guests and answer their questions.
- Work collaboratively with Visitor Services staff to perform inspection of room after a party and ensure the room is left in similar state it was found.

C. OTHER: (5%)

- Fifteen hours of hands-on training for the position will be provided by NCSL.
- Participate in staff and rental meetings and events when possible.
- Participate in NCSL signature fundraising events.
- NCSL will provide CPR & Archery certifications.

IV Required Qualifications & Skills:

- Minimum one-year of experience in elementary level education or professional childcare or equivalent experience.
- Ability to hike one mile in all seasons.
- Possess enthusiasm for the outdoors and a basic knowledge of the natural world.
- Ability to handle live animals such as worms, salamanders, beetles, turtles & a rat snake.
- Ability to take initiative, lead and interact with groups of children as well as adults.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work with a wide variety of personalities; ability to deal with the public and staff with tact, courtesy and diplomacy.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work both independently and with other staff and volunteers.
- Ability to work weekends and possible evenings with a flexible schedule.
- Exhibit enthusiasm, poise, dependability, have a good sense of humor and positive attitude.
- Ability to problem solve and provide solutions to everyday challenges, including outdoor safety risks to guests.
- Commitment to Nature Center mission, principles, and values (see: www.shakerlakes.org).

VI Working Conditions:

- Position requires hiking one mile, climbing stairs, kneeling, sitting and bending.
- This position takes place outdoors along our trails with possible hazards (snow, rain, insects).



VII Compensation:

- \$90 bonus pay per birthday party.
- \$75 bonus pay per non birthday party.
- \$15/per hour for training and NCSL events.

VIII Application Procedure:

Email:	careers@shakerlakes.org
Subject Line:	Birthday Party Educator
Requirements:	Resumé
Recommended:	Cover Letter

Posting Date:

September 1, 2026

Application Deadline:

Until filled

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