Position Available: Teacher-Naturalist - part-time, 30 hrs/week, year-round;
Tuesday – Saturday (April – October) / Monday – Friday (November – March)
Application Deadline: January 10, 2014

Organization Description: Ladew Topiary Gardens is a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is "to maintain and promote the gardens, house and facilities in keeping with the creative spirit of Harvey S. Ladew for the public benefit and for educational, scientific and cultural pursuits." Ladew's grounds cover 250 acres, including formal gardens and an educational trail system through natural habitats including forest, meadows and wetlands.

Job Description: Help promote an awareness, understanding and appreciation for the natural world. Plan and teach hands-on, environmental education topics to school children in Ladew's fieldtrip program, as well as to families with young children in public programs, and children in summer nature camps.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the coordination and teaching of school fieldtrip programs
    - Coordinate daily fieldtrips (greet groups, direct volunteers, communicate w/staff, etc.)
    - Teach school programs for pre-school to high school aged youth
    - Organize and maintain teaching materials
    - Develop and revise educational program curriculum as needed
- Assist in the coordination and oversight of Ladew's new native butterfly house and garden
- Plan and teach summer nature camps
- Plan and teach Saturday programs and projects (April – October)
- Assist with training of volunteer program leaders
- Assist with garden and trail maintenance
- Assist with other duties as needed (i.e. special events, outreach, exhibits, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in education, biology or related field preferred, or equivalent experience
- Experience and enthusiasm for teaching pre-K through high school youth
- Experience and interest in handling insects, invertebrates, frogs, etc.
- Experience in designing and implementing environmental education curricula and activities
- Friendly, flexible, creative, self-motivated personality with good communication skills
- Ability to walk for up to two consecutive hours and lift heavy objects up to 30 lbs.

Time Commitment:

- Year-round; Tuesday - Saturday (April – October) / Monday – Friday (November – March, with a few Saturday/Sunday program dates)
- 30 hours per week; approximately 8:30am – 3:00pm

Compensation:

- $12-14/hr., commensurate with experience
- Health care benefits available; free Ladew family membership & admission to numerous programs
- Paid vacation, sick days and personal days

To Apply: Mail or email cover letter, resume, and the names and contact info of three references to Education Director, Sheryl Pedrick. spedrick@ladewgardens.com.

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