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<u>Job Summary</u> Position Title: Lead Teacher: Elementary School Contract Dates: August 15, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Salary: \$36,500 - \$45,000 Location: Northeast Los Angeles (Griffith Park, Elysian Park, Debs Park, other parks)

Job Description

Everlasting Education is seeking a passionate Lead Teacher for its fully outdoor elementary school for the upcoming 2023 - 2024 school year. The ideal candidate has experience teaching in an elementary school setting, spends considerable time outdoors (preferably in an educational role), is currently holding or pursuing a credentialed multiple subjects teaching credential and is passionate about developing and redesigning the traditional elementary school model.

A Lead Teacher at Everlasting Elementary is responsible for leading hikes to daily classrooms where they ensure student safety and deliver engaging lessons that align with California Department of Education's Curriculum Content Standards and Everlasting Education's 4 Pedagogical Pillars. Daily hiking, with an average of 2.5 miles of walking per day with backpacks weighing 10 - 30 pounds is required for the role. Please see below for a detailed listing of role responsibilities and requisites.

About Everlasting Education

Everlasting Education, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental education and social-emotional learning. Our school provides meaningful experiences in the natural world that connect our students to the living history of their local community. This is achieved through 100% outdoor learning in a variety of natural and urban classrooms throughout Los Angeles, primarily on the east side, in Griffith Park, Elysian Park, DTLA, Chinatown, and Montecito Heights.

Studying nature provides our students with a profound opportunity to unlock a wealth of knowledge and insights. By observing and exploring the intricate workings of the natural world, they gain valuable lessons that shape their understanding of science, technology, and the world around them. Nature's systems of resilient adaptations and harmonious interdependencies offer inspiration for innovation, problem-solving, and sustainable practices. By immersing in the study of nature, students discover the connections between all living beings and develop a deep appreciation for their environment. Through this exploration, students learn not only about the wonders of the natural world but also about themselves and their place within it, fostering a sense of stewardship and inspiring a commitment to protect their planet for future generations.

We seek a passionate and dedicated individual who shares our vision to transform the elementary school experience. As a lead teacher within our organization, you will play a pivotal role in reinventing traditional education and offering students a refreshing and holistic alternative to the existing elementary school paradigm. We anticipate that your disposition and beliefs will align harmoniously with our organization, making you an ideal candidate to join our team. Together, we will revolutionize the way education is delivered and create a nurturing environment where students can thrive!

Primary Responsibilities

- Create meaningful, positive relationships with students and families
- Provide an open and encouraging learning environment for all students
- Develop a deep understanding of social and academic needs for each student
- Design and deliver student needs-based curriculum, taking into consideration individual learning styles, abilities, and interests to foster personalized and engaging learning experiences
- Develop and implement standards-based curriculum that aligns with national and state educational standards, ensuring students acquire essential knowledge and skills
- Foster a student-centered learning environment that promotes active participation, critical thinking, and a love for nature and learning
- Convey the importance of traditional ecological native knowledge and living with the land
- Facilitate inquiry-based learning
- Resolve student conflicts with active listening and restorative justice
- Foster a student-centered learning environment that promotes active participation, critical thinking, a love for nature and learning
- Effectively and efficiently direct assistant teachers, delegating tasks throughout the school day
- Actively respond to student and class needs throughout the day
- Regularly communicate with parents and guardians to provide updates on student progress, discuss individual learning goals, and seek input to further personalize their curriculum.

Candidate Requisites

- Patient and empathetic to student needs
- Knowledge and interest in California's natural and cultural history
- Comfort spending extended periods of time outdoors
- Personable with the ability to interact effectively with others
- Team-oriented with collaborative energy for class planning
- Pursuing or Obtained a CA Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
- Reliable and punctual
- Ability to hike up to 5 miles/day, occasionally in the heat and other strenuous elements
- 4+ years of college with a background in education, sociology, biology, ecology environmental studies, natural science or related field preferred
- Previous teaching experience, preferably with experience in outdoor education

<u>Next Steps</u>

If you are interested in applying for this position, we encourage you to send a cover letter & current resume to **michael@everlastingeducation.org**. We look forward to hearing from you and working through this process together! Here is the full structure of our hiring process:

- 1. Candidate submits resume and cover letter
- 2. Phone Interview with the school director
- 3. In-person Interview
- 4. Final Debrief

Regards, Michael Galano Executive Director & Lead Teacher Everlasting Education, Inc.