



Volunteer Opportunity

Children's Garden Coordinator GreenUP Ecology Park

Location: GreenUP Ecology Park, 1899 Ashburnham Drive, Peterborough, ON

Commitment: 5 – 10 sessions throughout the garden season, Saturdays or Sundays, from 11:00- 2:00pm

About GreenUP Ecology Park: GreenUP Ecology Park is an award winning, five-acre showcase of sustainable landscape ideas and resources. With a host of display gardens and naturalized areas, a native plant nursery, children's programs, garden market, skill-building workshops and hands-on displays. The GreenUP Ecology Park Garden Market is a local source for the best in native plants, trees, and shrubs that are suited to grow here in central Ontario. The Garden Market also offers compost, mulch, mushroom compost, wood chips, composters and more. We also sell fresh produce that is harvested from our demonstration food garden.

About the position: Children's Garden Coordinators will set up displays and activities in Children's Garden area from 11 – 2pm (includes 30 minute set up and put away of materials) on Saturday or Sunday. Children's Garden Coordinators will organize and facilitate casual, drop – in style nature and arts-based activities suitable for children age 5 – 11. Parents of children must be in the park at all times. This is a new initiative (by donation) to encourage families to discover GreenUP Ecology Park and our charitable Garden Market, which supports our educational programs and park maintenance.

GreenUP Ecology Park's children's programming focuses on a variety of current themes including life cycles of plants, insects and animals, wildlife habitat, water conservation, recycling, food systems (gardening, composting, pollination) and urban forests. We have an abundance of existing program activities and resource materials for the volunteer to choose from including puppets, craft supplies and nature kits.

About you:

- Friendly and outgoing, radiating positive energy and warmth
- Trustworthy and can work independently and with a small team
- Able to commit to regular volunteer shifts as listed above
- Eager to support GreenUP's mandate

Requirements:

- Current police record check
- Experience in outdoor education programming with references
- Professional aptitude as a steward for GreenUP Ecology Park
- Enthusiasm, organization and leadership skills
- Experience coordinating activities with groups of children
- Ability to work independently during busy Garden Market times with lots of visitors
- First Aid\CPR an asset

Next steps: Please forward a letter of interest outlining your experience to:

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