



## **Birthday Party Leader Irvine Nature Center**

Irvine Nature Center is an environmental education non-profit based on over 200 acres in Owings Mills, MD. Irvine has an interactive exhibit hall and hiking trails and year-round public programming for children and adults.

### **Position Summary**

Part of Irvine's public programming includes providing fun, educational, private nature birthday parties for children ages 3-10. We are currently looking for one weekend Nature Birthday Party Leader to facilitate several themed parties including Wild Things, Woodland Fairies, and Dinosaur Digs. Experience with children in a teaching setting preferred, as parties have up to 20 party guests in attendance. Enthusiasm is a must! Training will be provided, including training to work with live animals, which are part of the party experience. There is also an outdoor trail component to each party for kids to play games or explore an aspect of nature. Science and natural history background is strongly recommended – kids (and their parents) will ask lots of questions! Lastly, art projects, songs, and stories are also incorporated into the nature birthday party experience. Creative, high-energy, nature-loving educators wanted!

**Time Commitment:** Approximately 10-15 hours per weekend. Must have availability 9AM - 4PM on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Assigned Responsibilities:** Facilitate 2-4 birthday parties per weekend. Engage groups of children and parents as they explore Irvine, including leading them in crafts, animal encounters, and group hikes.

### **Qualifications**

- Applicants must be interested in natural sciences, environmental and science education, outdoor recreation, or related fields
- Work experience with children
- Strong interest in the environment and natural history
- Strong interest in education
- Excellent communication skills
- Familiarity with (or enthusiasm to learn) a variety of environmental education activities
- Your own transportation

**Salary:** part-time hourly starting pay of \$16 an hour

**To Apply:** Send cover letter, resume, and three professional references to the attention of: Jessica Moran, Rental Coordinator, Irvine Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117 or email [HR@ExploreNature.org](mailto:HR@ExploreNature.org)

Please note, employment is contingent upon completing and passing a criminal background check and fingerprinting.

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