

# Northwest Youth Corps – Twin Rivers Charter School

## Language Arts Teacher Description

### Twin Rivers Charter School

Northwest Youth Corps' (NYC) Twin Rivers Charter School (TRCS) is an accredited charter high school for youth, ages 14-19, who learn best in an experiential format and who may have had difficulty navigating in a traditional school environment. TRCS employs a cooperative, team-based format, in which staff engage students in hands-on learning that combines classroom instruction with the completion of conservation projects, field study assignments, and outdoor recreation activities. Students spend equal amounts of time in and out of the classroom and staff create conservation projects that are complementary and integrated. School curricula include science, math, language arts and social studies with an emphasis on resource management, conservation and environmental studies. Students earn high school credit toward a traditional diploma.

### Job Description

NYC's Twin Rivers Charter School offers a unique opportunity for high energy teachers with vision and creativity to develop cutting edge lessons that integrate classroom and field experiences. Teachers use the outdoors as an instructional vehicle in order to lead students to high school completion while also fostering character and environmental awareness. The classroom content lays a foundation for a week of hands-on field study activates and conservation work experience. The students then apply that foundational content to the field. Therefore, teachers plan their in-house curricular to complement the field curricular experience. Teachers also plan and facilitate residential "spikes." Spikes are camping trips that combine fun, education, community, conservation work, and teambuilding.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Build standards-based lessons to meet program objectives and individual student needs.
- Teach applicable concepts in the class and the field to students with varied academic levels.
- Teach an elective class, with a career connections emphasis.
- Coordinate, facilitate and participate in student camping activities.
- Provide instruction, assess learning, keep class records, and assign grades.
- Participate in IEP meetings and ensure that accommodations are made for special education students.
- Maintain portfolio assessments and records.
- Work with special education teacher ensure compliance with IEP's.
- Implement TRCS school-wide behavior support system.
- Attend regular staff meetings, staff development opportunities, and organization-wide activities.
- Mentor and advise an assigned cohort of students, and maintain contact with family, case worker, etc.

### Qualifications

- Current Oregon secondary teaching license.
- Experience teaching high school-aged students in alternative settings
- Experience teaching high school social science, literacy, and a love of reading
- Experience guiding groups and teaching in the outdoors
- Ability to work with youth in an enthusiastic and encouraging way
- Sense of humor; non-judgmental attitude and willingness to learn from peers
- Outdoor leadership experience

### Conditions

CPR, First Aid (training provided), safe driving history, fingerprinting and a criminal background check required.

### Term of Employment

195 day contract; August 15, 2016 – June 21, 2017

### Compensation

\$32,000 to \$36,000 annually w/ Oregon certificate; Benefits: health insurance and dental insurance with co-pay, short/long term disability and life insurance, and retirement contribution by employer.

**To apply:** Submit application and cover letter by e-mail to [breslow@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:breslow@nwyouthcorps.org) or mail to: TRCS Language Arts Teacher, Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta, Eugene, OR 97403.

Selected applicants may be requested to provide additional information before an interview is scheduled. Applicants not selected for interviews will not be notified. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

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**Application Requirements**

Your application should include the following information in the order listed. Staple your submission in the top left corner. Please do not use binders or presentation folders.

**All job offers will be contingent upon**

- Proof of U.S. citizenship, or proof that you are authorized to work legally in the U.S.
- Criminal background check