

Northwest Youth Corps – Twin Rivers Charter School

Science Lead 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

- Develop creative project-based learning opportunities in collaboration with other teachers and students.
- Develop field components of your lessons aligned with the goals and objectives of the project.
- Differentiate your instruction across ages and abilities to meet the strengths of diverse learning styles
- Ground values of equity and sustainability (both social and environmental) in curricular content
- Teach career connections elective class
- Coordinate, facilitate and participate in student camping activities.
- Provide instruction, assess learning, keep class records, and assign grades.
- Maintain portfolio assessments and records.
- Collaborate with special education team members which includes but is not limited to participation at all IEP meetings and compliance with required modification and accommodations for special education students
- 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 preferred
- Experience working in alternative school settings
- Experience teaching multiple scientific fields
- Experience guiding groups of teaching in the outdoors
- Ability to work with youth in an enthusiastic, strength based, and encouraging way
- Sense of humor; non-judgmental attitude and willingness to learn from peers
- Outdoor leadership experience
- Experience working with youth from a variety of backgrounds
- Bilingual preferred

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

To apply: Submit application and cover letter by e-mail to breslow@nwyouthcorps.org or mail to: TRCS Science 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.

NYC is an Equal Opportunity Employer**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.

Cover Letter, Resume and References**Certification and Release**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false information, or misrepresentation of facts, may result in rejection of this application or be grounds for immediate dismissal.

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

I authorize NYC to verify any of this information including driving record, criminal record and employment history.

Signature**Date**

Application Deadline: Recruitment will continue and the position remains open until filled.

Return Completed Applications to:

Northwest Youth Corps
c/o Jay Breslow
2621 Augusta St.
Eugene, OR 97403