

Cooper Center for Environmental Learning
University of Arizona College of Education
Department of Teaching, Learning, & Socio-cultural Studies



Environmental/Earth Educator Positions, 2017-18 Academic Year

If you are an environmental enthusiast who enjoys inspiring others to live more lightly and harmoniously on our planet, we want to hear from you!

Cooper Center Overview: The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning offers memorable overnight and day field trip experiences to Southern Arizona schools. The Center's Mission focuses on positive and enriching experiences in nature and inspiring children and adults to live more lightly and harmoniously on our planet. The Center is a partnership between the University of Arizona College of Education and Tucson Unified School District, and also provides University students with opportunities in hands-on teaching experience and research.

Position Description: The Cooper Center is hiring two (2) staff members for positions that focus on educational programs for children in grades K-8 and working with University of Arizona students. Programs emphasize understanding of ecological processes, developing positive feelings for the natural world, and inspiring each participant to make personal lifestyle changes to be more environmentally friendly. Educators will gain valuable teaching experience in an outdoor setting as part of our team, working with 2,000 – 3,000 students. Cooper Center staff facilitate memorable connections between each learner and their environment.

Duties:

- Lead and assist educational programs in outdoor settings (program training provided)
- Participate in program-related tasks including planning, setup, materials design and maintenance
- Assist with field experience logistics and administration including scheduling, group arrivals and departures, teacher communication, program evaluation, etc.
- Participate in special events and workshops at Cooper Center, on UA campus, and in the community
- Perform basic facility maintenance & janitorial tasks (cleaning, basic repairs, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Required: Teaching experience in formal and/or informal settings with students of different grades (preferably K-8). Physical conditioning and ability to work outdoors in a desert setting (warm weather). Enthusiasm, strong communication skills, ability to work collaboratively and respectfully as part of a team and independently, a flair for being theatrical, and a positive attitude.
- Preferred: Knowledge of Sonoran Desert ecology and natural resources management; administrative skills and ability to learn and adapt quickly.

Position Specifics:

- Pay/Time Commitment: \$11/hour, 40 hrs/week, with University of Arizona benefits. Position hours are primarily Monday through Friday with some weekend event commitments; daily schedules vary.
- Positions begin August 21st, 2017 and end May 25th, 2018.
- Cooper is 20 minutes west of main UA campus. Providing your own transportation is preferred.

Applying:

Apply via <http://uacareers.com/postings/19863>. For questions, please email Cooper Center Director Colin Waite at cwaite@email.arizona.edu and Assistant Director Constantinos Manoli at manoli@email.arizona.edu, or call the Center at (520)626-1825. Visit the Cooper [website](#) for more information about our Center.