

Environmental Educator



Bonnviale Environmental Education Center (BEEC), Brattleboro, Vermont

Gain valuable experience serving with a team of naturalist educators fostering connections to the natural world through a variety of opportunities, including camps, school programs, public programs, volunteer opportunities, and the visitor experience. BEEC seeks a creative educator and nature lover, who enjoys working outdoors with children, with strong leadership and inclusion skills.

This position is part of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps (VHCB AmeriCorps). The VHCB AmeriCorps program supports the innovative dual-goal approach to creating stable affordable housing opportunities for Vermont residents while preserving the natural and working landscape. VHCB AmeriCorps is a national service program that places members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

BEEC is a member-based nonprofit organization founded in 1991, with a mission to foster experiences that inspire connection to the natural world and its many inhabitants. To achieve its mission, BEEC provides a variety of educational programs and initiatives to create an involved group of community scientists and caring stewards of our land. BEEC coordinates and leads important community-based natural history and conservation programs. BEEC's school programs use the scientific process, hands-on activities, and outdoor experiences to help students learn about a wide range of life, earth, physical and environmental science topics. BEEC's youth programs are for the young person who loves the natural world with the goal to foster a love of nature in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. The Environmental Educator will support and help develop these efforts.

Essential Functions:

- Co-lead environmental education youth programs and camps.
- Compile curriculum and materials for youth programs and camps.
- Strengthen the visitors' experience to BEEC through the stewardship of BEEC property, including serving with volunteers on trail maintenance and invasive plant management.
- Participate in all VHCB AmeriCorps Trainings, Service Days, Events, and Program Initiatives.
- Engage in professional and personal development activities and networking opportunities.

Secondary Functions:

- Assist with the development of BEEC's printed and electronic outreach materials (e-newsletter, website, social media, posters, etc.)
- Represent BEEC at community service fairs and other events.
- Assist with public programs and nature walks.
- Conduct outreach and support to BEEC volunteers.
- Utilize technology to help develop and promote BEEC programs.
- Member invited to develop and lead an independent project for a portion of service time.

Desired Qualifications:

- Some teaching experience with school-age children.
- A strong interest and reasonable understanding of the natural world.
- Self-starter with strong initiative and follow through.



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- Ability to be creative flexible and adapt to new situations from day to day.
- Willingness to serve on some evenings and weekends.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Enjoys engaging with youth and sharing the wonders of nature.
- Commitment to equity and inclusion.
- Strong communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills and service ethic.
- Comfort serving outdoors in all weather conditions with groups.
- Comfort working with computers, including Google Suite.
- Ability to serve independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to follow guidelines and implement protocols.
- Driver's License with access to a personal vehicle.
- First Aid & CPR Certification, or willingness to obtain certification.
- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation or 17 years of age with verified parental permission.
- Be a high school graduate, have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards a GED as part of the service-term. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps.
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check.
- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program's ethic of service, appreciation of diversity, and personal and professional development of its participants.
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in all required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.
- Available to regularly serve 40 hours per week.

Additional Information:

Service will be performed primarily outdoors, some will be performed remotely using collaborative technology, and some will take place within a classroom and office. There is some flexibility in the schedule. The member will serve a schedule that may include evenings and weekends. BEEC's culture is one of respect for the natural world and for our colleagues. We foster and participate in open communication and collaborative decision-making.

Position begins May 17th, 2023 and ends August 22nd, 2023

This position is **Quarter Time**: Requires 455 hours of service for an average of 40 hours per week for 13 weeks. Member will receive a living allowance of \$6,075 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1,718.25 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service.

Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training and networking opportunities.

To Apply: <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameriCorps/positions>

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

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Application deadline: April 5th, 2023; Applications accepted on a rolling basis; open until filled.

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.



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Member Name: _____ Signature: _____

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