

<b>Title:</b> Field Educator	<b>Reports to:</b> Education Manager, Education Director
<b>Time worked:</b> Varies	<b>Status:</b> Seasonal
<p><b>Education Team Description:</b>  Merck Forest and Farmland Center's (MFFC) Education Team is responsible for ensuring that all constituents (visitors, participants, volunteers, etc.) have access to high quality, mission- focused opportunities to deepen their connection to the land by exploring ecosystem structure and processes, observing and participating in regenerative agriculture and sustainable forestry, and developing a personal land ethic.</p>	
<p><b>Position Description:</b>  The Field Educator, with the assistance of a camp counselor, will lead week-long summer camp sessions, facilitating a positive camp experience of exploration and learning for all participants. Field Educators are responsible for planning, leading, and implementing camp programming with exciting and interesting hands-on activities around agriculture, forest, and aquatics. Field Educators will provide high quality experiences for participants that focus on environmental topics for campers ranging in age from Grade 1 through Grade 8.</p>	
<p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Collaborate with the Education Manager and Education Director to help design and deliver nature-based camp programs for Grades 1 - 6 focused on the woods, farm, and water.</li> <li>● Collaborate with the Education Manager and Education Director to help design and deliver nature-based camp programs for Grades 7 &amp; 8 focused on survival and backcountry skills and land stewardship.</li> <li>● Facilitate group building activities throughout the week that build a strong and cohesive team that values everyone's voice, ideas, and needs.</li> <li>● Administer first aid as needed for injuries and illness, and document all care given.</li> <li>● Communicate with the Education Manager and/or Education Director, and parents about camper experiences and concerns.</li> <li>● Document and report incidents and to the Education Manager and/or Education Director, giving up dates as needed.</li> <li>● Maintain open communications with Camp Counselor assigned to camp.</li> <li>● Supervise and support Camp Counselor, delegating some activities and responsibilities to allow for clear opportunities for leadership, and giving constructive feedback.</li> <li>● Know and understand all emergency procedures and safety guidelines associated with the camp program and Merck Forest and Farmland Center.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age 21 or older</li> <li>● Undergraduate or advanced degree in education or environmental field.</li> <li>● 2 or more years experience teaching children in classroom and/or field settings, or experience as a field naturalist or biologist along with a natural affinity for education and a high comfort level instructing children at various ages.</li> <li>● Ability to teach and make decisions as part of a collaborative team.</li> <li>● Knowledgeable in outdoor and survival skills such as tracking, shelter building, knot tying, group building initiatives.</li> <li>● Comfortable handling small, harmless wildlife, including insects, reptiles, and amphibians.</li> <li>● Experience with working with students in an outdoor setting.</li> <li>● Willingness to be flexible and ready to meet changing work needs and demands.</li> <li>● A supportive and non-punitive approach to discipline</li> <li>● Demonstrate leadership skills</li> <li>● Ability to pass FBI background check</li> <li>● Wilderness First Aid and CPR/AED (WFR preferred)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Special Demands:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Able to hike 3 - 5 miles</li> <li>● Able to carry a minimum of 25 pounds.</li> </ul>	