



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Foundations for Life

Nature Kindergarten Lead Teacher

Episcopal Day School, Augusta, GA www.edsaugusta.com

DESCRIPTION OF ROLE

The **Full-time Nature Kindergarten Lead Teacher**, in collaboration with the division head, teaching assistant, and Nature Preschool team, will be responsible for implementing the school's existing Core Learning Goals for Kindergarten using the natural world in a mostly outdoor setting. Our unique outdoor campus with classroom yurts becomes the primary context that informs course curriculum and content. In this first year of the Nature Kindergarten class, the Lead Teacher will have significant responsibility and latitude in designing curriculum while ensuring reasonable consistency with the existing EDS expectations and Nature Preschool culture.

About Episcopal Day School and the EDS Nature School

EDS, a 75-year-old PreK-8, launched its inaugural Nature Preschool (NPS) in 2019, based at the 38-acre multi-purpose experiential ed campus located 7 miles from main campus. EDS began the 2019-2020 school year with 351 students on the Walton Way Campus (including 2 sections of preschool) and an additional 12 students on the Nature Preschool Campus. The program's first year has been extremely successful and well-received. Adding a section of nature kindergarten is an exciting and important part of the school's strategic plan.

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for planning and facilitating immersive outdoor Kindergarten classes. This includes maintaining a safe, loving environment with safety routines that protect yet empower children.
- Nurture individual needs of children while managing whole group experiences and unstructured play.
- Collaborate with other teachers, volunteers, and /or parents.
- Partner with the Nature Preschool team to ensure consistency and maximize campus synergies.
- Document learning progress in many formats (written documentation, photos, content for Seesaw, etc.).
- Other duties that support families, children, staff, and/or residents in the program may be also assigned.

PREFERRED EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALITIES

- Minimum of a B.A. or B.S. in a related field.
- Experience in early childhood education and/or outdoor/nature education programs preferred
- Love of children, love of learning, love of nature
- Patient, compassionate disposition
- Strong collaboration and communication skills
- Adaptable to changing weather conditions, terrain, and physically strenuous activity

SALARY

This is a full-time, ten-month, salaried faculty position. Compensation and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the school's website (www.edsaugusta.com) or the Nature School's site (www.edsnatureschool.com) or email Head of Lower School Amy Tomblinson at atombinson@edsaugusta.com. To apply, email a cover letter and resume to atombinson@edsaugusta.com.