



SEA Teaching Position (Volunteer with Stipend)

The Anacostia Watershed Society's Saturday Environmental Academy (SEA) is looking for passionate volunteers to join its teaching team for the Spring Semester, which runs from March 11 – May 20, 2017. SEA offers a free outdoor education program to 7th and 8th graders, many of whom live in the Anacostia Watershed. Through this unique, fun, educational experience, students learn about their river and local environment while developing their skills in team building, critical thinking, and scientific investigation.

Our ideal volunteers are experienced environmental educators who enjoy working with students from underserved communities. On average, the time commitment is eight hours per week for 10 weeks each semester. Volunteer duties include:

- Develop or modify existing lessons for specific topics (for 2-3 sessions per 10-week semester), as needed. Lessons are to be interactive and experiential, supporting the philosophy of the Academy that students learn best by doing.
- Take "lead" in delivering weekly lessons on rotating basis (i.e., 2-3 times per semester). At least one other staff person will be available to assist each session.
- When "lead," create short assignments for Student Leaders and email schedule and relevant evaluation questions to Director, Teachers, and Student Leaders by Thursday before Sat. when you are the lead.
- Assist in logistical arrangements for sessions as needed.
- Accompany students in transportation to site visits.
- As teacher/mentor, manage student behavior with consistent expectations.
- Attend and assist with one overnight trip, including directing activities, helping with meal prep and clean-up with student teams (when necessary), and chaperoning in sleeping quarters.
- Provide Director with list of supplies needed by Wednesday before Sat. session.
- Provide anecdotes of student achievements for use in evaluation of program.
- Attend up to two planning meetings before and during the 10-week program.
- Promptly show-up at 8:30 for pre-meeting each Saturday and be able to stay until 2:00 for student dismissal and post check-in meeting. Sessions run from 8:45-1:00 except for the one overnight camping trip each semester.

A background check and drug test is required for all volunteer staff. The position provides a stipend of \$100 per Saturday session (\$150 per overnight) taught. The expectation is that teachers will make every effort to participate in each of the Saturday sessions. Please discuss any Saturday conflicts in advance with Catherine Estes, Program Director. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to cestes@anacostiaws.org. We encourage diverse candidates to apply. Candidates must have unrestricted authorization to work in the U.S. Position is open until filled. **Spring Program will run from March 11 – May 20, 2017.** For more information about SEA, please go to www.environmentalacademy.us.