​ **Lead Preschool Teacher**

**Overview:** Boston Outdoor Preschool Network is growing! We build joyful communities of children and teachers connected to each other and their outdoor environments through discovery and play. We believe that children are intrinsically motivated to learn, and that they do so by exploring the world around them. As we expand, we seek early childhood educators to join our team. This is the right opportunity for an experienced preschool teacher eager to build community and express creativity outdoors at the beautiful Arnold Arboretum.

**Position Description:**

* Location: Outdoors at the Arnold Arboretum
* Start date: September 8, 2020
* Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and/or 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., plus 3 hours/week for program management (18 – 33 hours/week)
* Compensation: $18/hour starting salary. School holidays and vacations are paid.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Nurture the spirit and curiosity of each child while building strong relationships with parents and children. Use a nature-based and child-centered approach.
* Be responsible for the health and safety of each child. This includes helping children stay warm and dry in rainy and cold weather, managing risk in an outdoor setting, and addressing conflict
* Gracefully and professionally communicate with parents, caregivers, colleagues, and the wider community
* Use daily written documentation as a tool for communication, reflection, new learning, and advocacy
* Mentor interns and volunteers
* Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

* At least 3 years of experience as a Lead Preschool Teacher
* Passion for the natural world and ability to convey a sense of awe and wonder to the children
* Ability to stimulate the inherent curiosity children have about nature, and expand on it with emergent and place-based curriculum
* Strong classroom management skills and ability to maintain a safe learning environment
* Embrace a wide variety of weather conditions as unique and interesting, part of the ebb and flow of the natural rhythm and seasonal changes.
* Eager to work in a start-up culture
* Preferred: experience with environmental education or anti-bias education

**Additional Information:**

Hiring process is rolling; please apply at your earliest convenience.

Candidates who add to our diverse community are encouraged to apply.

**Application Procedure:**

Please email a cover letter and resume to Sarah.Besse@bopn.org