​ **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. Our programs are currently located on the grounds of the Arnold Arboretum, and we will open a new half-day preschool at Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Wellesley in September. This is the right opportunity for an experienced early childhood teacher who loves spending time in nature.

**Position Description:**

* Location: Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Wellesley, MA
* Start date: September 2, 2020
* Hours: Teach from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday, plus 3 hours/week for program management (18 hours/week in total)
* Compensation: starting at $18/hour
* Paid time off: days that Wellesley public schools is closed (winter break, spring break, etc.)

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Nurture the spirit and curiosity of each child while building strong relationships with families 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, and the general public
* Use daily written documentation as a tool for communication, reflection, new learning, and advocacy
* Mentor interns/volunteers
* Attend occasional evening/weekend events as needed
* Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

* *At least 3 years of experience as a Lead Preschool Teacher*
* Ability to stimulate the inherent curiosity children have about their surroundings, 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.
* Engaging and easily able to communicate with children, families, and peers
* Eager to work in a start-up culture. Tolerant of uncertainty and change and understand that organizations continue to improve when the people who work there are adaptable, take chances, and learn from their mistakes
* Bonus points: experience in Environmental Education or familiarity with anti-bias education

**Additional Information:**

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

This position requires successful reference and background checks.

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

**Application Procedure:**

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