



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Our Mission: The nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate and take responsibility for our natural world.

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Job Posting: Program Specialist (part time)

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Position Summary: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is seeking candidates for the position of Program Specialist. The Program Specialist delivers mission based educational programs including field trips, family programs, group programs, scouts, and other school age programs including summer camps. This Program Specialist is required to handle animal ambassadors. Regular animal training is provided.

Work Schedule and Location: The Program Specialist is a part-time, non-exempt position that will work onsite at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Expected schedule is an average of 10-15 hours per week, typically between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. including weekdays, weekends, and evenings as needed.

Wages and Benefits: Employees are encouraged and supported in professional development opportunities including conferences and seminars. This part-time position is eligible for the Center's 401k plan and membership benefits of the Northeastern Ohio Inter-Museum Council.

Qualifications: Experience and demonstrated proficiency with delivering public programs about natural history and science for children and families and groups of all sizes. Comfort with speaking to audiences of all sizes, ages, and abilities. Overall knowledge of nature and biology, or academic background. Must be flexible and have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment while maintaining a positive, professional attitude with the public, co-workers, and volunteers. Demonstrated ability to use good judgement, take initiative, and work as part of a team. Physical ability to lift, carry, and handle animals up to 10 pounds, and supplies weighing up to 50 pounds. Physical ability to walk up and down a staircase. Commitment to consistently present a positive image for Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Commitment to fulfill our educational mission in all public interactions. Proficiency with Microsoft Office including Outlook, Word, Excel and virtual desktops. Have and maintain Ohio driving permit. As a member of the Nature Center staff the Program Specialist will be committed to our mission of informal science education, continuous improvement, and accountability, and adhere to the employee handbook and policies including COVID-19.

Organization: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center connects people to the natural world with engaging programs for children and families, space science programs, wildlife rehabilitation and education, and live animal exhibits. It is the only facility providing wildlife rehabilitation in Cuyahoga County; it is one of two public access planetariums in Cleveland; it features one of the region's first and largest nature-based preschool programs; and it is located in a park setting near Lake Erie. The Center is funded by private donations, program fees, grants, and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture through the residents of Cuyahoga County.

Application: Send cover letter and resume to jobs@lensc.org by October 9, 2026, and reference Program Specialist.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is committed to equal employment opportunities for all. The Center values and respects people's differences in age, color, ethnicity, ancestry, sex, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, veteran status, and other characteristics.