



**Job Description: Artist Boat, Inc.**

**Title: Eco-Art Educator(s) – 3 positions (Emphasis on visual art, conservation, biology skills)**

**FLSA Status: Full-time to Part-Time Hourly**

**Reports to: Program Manager**

**Growth Potential: Lead Educator to Program Coordinator in 2 years**

**Essential Function:** Primary duty is to interpret habitats, ecosystems, science, and the environment through the disciplines of science and art for people of all ages while engaging in Eco-Art experiences with Artist Boat. Educator must be able to clearly and enthusiastically use the arts and sciences as the primary discipline to convey knowledge and engage participants in outdoor education, service learning, and in-class workshops or residencies.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Be able to work with a team member who is a specialist in environmental science or visual arts or conservation biology;
- Present high level art or biology skills in classroom and field contexts to co-workers and participants;
- Learn and properly present science skills and knowledge to students and adults in order to facilitate the creation of works of art interpreting the coastal margins and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico. This can be done in outdoor classrooms via kayak and vessel, on walking tours, on campus habitats, in the classroom, and during habitat restoration events;
- Possess or develop a deep understanding of the region's natural history, its flora and fauna, and watercolor painting techniques;
- Maintain 1<sup>st</sup> aid and CPR certification and American Canoe Association Kayak Instructor Certification;
- Interact with persons of all ages in a positive, professional, encouraging, and informative manner;
- Lift 60 pounds, load and unload a kayak trailer, drive a standard transmission, trailer vehicles, spend 8 hours outside on a regular basis;
- Be able to lead kayak trips, service learning events, and other outdoor experiences with 10-15 participants as a solo guide, and trips of up to 27 participants with one other Artist Boat Educator.
- Clean and maintain all materials and equipment used for programs;
- Be able to design and deliver hands-on art activities for Eco-Art Workshops, Adventures, Residencies, Restoration events and other programs;
- Be able to assist in installation of large scale public works and restored habitats or nativescaping;
- Enthusiastically acquire knowledge about native flora, fauna, and ecosystems in order to properly identify species and assist in interpretation of habitats;
- Represent Artist Boat and the mission of Artist Boat during events and in the community;
- Be willing and able to drive to destinations throughout the Galveston Bay region to deliver programming, be willing to work weekends, and be willing to fully commit to the mission of Artist Boat;
- Fully understand the different benefits and challenges associated with non-profit work;
- Must pass background check and be fingerprinted to serve the 7,500 youth that Artist Boat works with annually;
- Be able to take on duties and tasks as assigned and/or further implement processes that improve the work environment.

**Requirements:** BFA or BS; 0-3 years experience in arts, outdoors, informal science education and/or environmental education. **Preference given to American Canoe Association Certified Instructors, Certified National Association of Interpreters, and 1st Aid and CPR Certified Providers.**

All Eco-Art Educators have the potential to become program coordinators and managers within two to three years. Salary or hourly rate is commensurate with qualifications. Benefits include long-term disability insurance, health insurance, and Simple IRA for all full-time employees.

Please send cover letter, resume, copy of transcript (unofficial or official), and three letters from professional references to Cathy Webster, Executive Assistant **via snail mail** at 2627 Avenue O, Galveston, Texas 77550. Applications accepted until April 15, 2017.

**Ready to fill position immediately and anticipated start date April 15th, 2016.** Artist Boat is a small and growing not for profit organization that needs dedicated and contributing employees who are personally committed to the environment and seek growth and leadership opportunities and challenges in order to pursue a life long career in environmental education and conservation. **Each applicant will be emailed a notification that his or her full application has been received. Applications not containing all requested documents will not be reviewed or notified of receipt.**