

Wildcat Canyon Community School

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Kindergarten Lead Teacher 2022-23

Classification: Full-time - Exempt

Salary and Benefits: \$63K base salary, additional compensation based on experience, full benefits, 80% benefits for dependents, 401K, mentoring with excellent elder teachers in the community.

The Wildcat Canyon Community School is seeking a Waldorf-trained, imaginative, and joyful Kindergarten Lead Teacher with high social intelligence and a personal commitment to an anti-racist path and classroom. The lead teacher will work as a team with our current Kindergarten teachers to implement an existing, predominantly outdoors program with particular care taken for COVID-19 health and safety precautions during the 2022-23 school year.

About Our School

Wildcat Canyon Community School is an independent, coeducational, non-sectarian Pre-K-Grade 5 day school located in the township of El Sobrante, California, minutes from Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco. We are currently thriving in our first year as a parent/teacher cooperative, after 40 respected and hard working years as the East Bay Waldorf School. Many school community members have remained committed through this transition and are building a strong school program based on Waldorf curriculum that meets the needs of our current time. In this time of renewal, we are striving to build a community that reflects all voices and backgrounds. We are working diligently and are committed to supporting such a diverse student body and their families as well.

We have been given the opportunity to be stewards to a remarkable 11-acre hillside campus and an additional 80-acres which can provide endless opportunities for building community partnerships and developing programs. The desire to work with local community members and native indigenous groups lives within the school community. The campus and its adjacent wildlands function as an extension of the school's classrooms, providing hands-on, immersive opportunities for students to spend time learning and playing in nature. Included within the campus lies a biodynamic garden and orchard where the children learn to cultivate fruits, vegetables, and other plants. Spacious grassy fields and hiking paths adorn the campus, providing space for the children to enjoy a variety of outdoor, physical activities.

We feel honored to cultivate a school resonant with the impulses of Waldorf education: a development of the "head, heart, and hands" in children, which offers them health-giving, living education in service of realizing and making their own unique contributions to the future.

Requirements:

- BA degree and completion of a Waldorf Teacher Training program. ECE units desirable
- Be able to manage a group of up to 12 children independently

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- Be able to work with children needing individual attention as well as guide an entire group
- Ability to lift 50 pounds, get up and off ground repeatedly, carry a loaded backpack for up to two hours at a time
- Ability to hike up to 3 miles, in uneven terrain, in all weather conditions
- Familiarity with and interest in implementing elements of a 'typical' Waldorf Kindergarten, including but not limited to: painting, drawing, craft/handwork, woodwork, cooking, gardening, singing, storytelling, puppetry, circle and movement work.
- Ability to facilitate healthy play dynamics
- Highly organized and self-starter
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Willingness to work toward offering a uniform Kindergarten program across classrooms, working out of an existing EC program, through teamwork with colleagues
- Supervise Kindergarten assistants and facilitate their growth as teachers through modeling and mentoring
- Avid interest in parent education and parent collaboration, equanimity in working with parents
- Experience and/or interest in co-operative education a plus
- A personal commitment to an anti-racist path and classroom
- Willingness to follow and uphold the minimum health and safety guidelines established by the school regarding COVID-19 precautions for students, parents, faculty and staff

How to Apply

Please send your resume, along with a letter of interest, highlighting your teaching experience, life experience, education, qualifications, and strengths. In addition, please include three references that we may contact.

Please submit all the above documentation to jobs@wildcatcanyon.org.

Wildcat Canyon Community Waldorf School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applicants of any color, race, gender, sexual orientation, and all ethnic, national, cultural, social and religious backgrounds.