



PEEC

Pajarito Environmental
Education Center

Early Childhood Educator

About PEEC: PEEC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit funded by donations, memberships, grants, and contracts for services. Our mission is enriching people's lives by strengthening their connections to our canyons, mesas, mountains and skies. We are the operators of the Los Alamos Nature Center in Los Alamos, NM. Our website is www.peecnature.org.

Job Summary: PEEC is seeking a part-time Early Childhood Educator to deliver high-quality, mission-driven, hands-on environmental education programs to children ages 0-6. This role would include leading our community based Nature Playtime walk-up programs and PreK - Kindergarten school programs.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to employment@pajaritoeec.org.

Salary, Hours, and Benefits: This position is hourly, and works **around 20 hours per week**, with seasonal fluctuations. The starting rate of pay is **\$19 - \$21 per hour**, depending on qualifications. Occasional weekend and evening work is required. Our employee benefits may be viewed here: <https://peecnature.org/about/policies>.

At PEEC, we work hard but we know that family and life comes first. We help each other and cover for each other.

PEEC is an equal opportunity employer, and we encourage applicants that help us achieve our goal of having a workforce with a diversity of backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and skills.

Desired Competencies:

- Energetic and hardworking; excited about sharing nature and the outdoors with children
- A strong communicator, verbal and written
- A responsible, independent self-starter
- Able to work both independently and on a team with minimal supervision
- Organized and able to juggle complicated schedules
- Highly creative
- Comfortable working in an outdoor setting

Required Qualifications:

- Experienced in teaching, designing, and implementing programs for early childhood education audiences or degreed from an accredited college/university in this area.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experienced in nature based early childhood programs
- Experienced in working with diverse communities of learners
- Connected to northern New Mexico communities in PEEC's service area, including Española Valley and northern New Mexico Pueblos

Key Areas of Responsibility**Early Childhood Public Programs**

- Develop and teach weekly walk-in Nature Playtime programs at Los Alamos Nature Center every Monday from 10-11 am
- Work with community partners to bring Nature Playtime lessons on tour to sites in Rio Arriba County several times per month (vehicle provided)
- Envision, develop, and teach/lead programs serving young children, such as birthday parties and summer camps
- Collect, report, and analyze program data, and look for ways to improve

School Programs

- Work with other PEEC education staff to teach school programs at school sites, Los Alamos Nature Center, and outdoor sites in the region. This position will focus on pre-K and Kindergarten programs, but could include additional grade levels, as needed.

Nature Center, Outreach, and Events

- Act as Staff on Duty during some open hours at the nature center
- Staff PEEC booth, communicate with the public, and lead instructional activities at events
- Attend and participate in annual PEEC events such as Earth Day, Bear Fest, and PEECnic
- Act as representative of PEEC at local and regional events, fairs, festivals, and STEAM days
- Attend weekly staff meetings

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