



Mildred Belle Lead Maritime Educator Job Description **Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region**

The Living Classrooms Foundation is a nonprofit organization, operated for the benefit of the community at large, providing hands-on experiential education, staff development and job training, with a special emphasis on at-risk youth and groups from diverse backgrounds. Utilizing outdoor settings and a low staff to student ratio, the Foundation provides experience-based educational programs emphasizing the applied learning of math, science, language arts, history, economics, and ecology. Key objectives of all Living Classrooms Foundation programs are experiential learning, career development, cooperative learning, community service, elevating self-esteem and fostering multicultural exchange. The Living Classrooms Foundation has the goal of offering hands-on experience based education programs that are of the highest quality and excellence.

Position Overview:

The primary responsibility of the Lead Maritime Educator is to work in cooperation with the Captain and Program Director to oversee, develop and teach quality educational programs aboard the *M/V Mildred Belle*, the Chesapeake Bay buy boat operated by Living Classrooms. The Lead Maritime Educator will lead the teaching of hands-on science to youth in the DC metropolitan area during day and overnight camping trips on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, as well as the Chesapeake Bay. The Lead Maritime Educator will assist with the safe operation of the vessel and will assist with vessel maintenance as needed. This position involves working with schools, scouts, summer camps, individual families and other groups from 3rd grade through 12th grade. This is a seasonal position beginning in April and lasting into November, depending on bookings. The Lead Maritime Educator is expected to work a minimum of 80 hours/ 10 days per 2 week pay period; primarily Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm, but some weekends and evenings required. In the fall, the *Mildred Belle* will travel to the James River, providing educational programming for Richmond and Hampton, VA. During this time period, it is expected that educators and captain will stay aboard the *Mildred Belle*. The Lead Maritime Educator works under the direction of the *Mildred Belle* Captain while underway and during maintenance projects and to the Program Director for educational programming. High energy, dedication, enthusiasm, flexibility, excellent organization and an ability to create a vision for the future are required to lead, develop and implement these programs.

Job Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Maintain at all times the integrity, quality, and safety of the Living Classrooms Foundation and the experiential education programs provided by this organization
- Teach all shipboard educational programs aboard the *Mildred Belle* and provide oversight for programming in coordination with shipboard Program Director
- Assist with the safe operation of the *Mildred Belle*
- Assist in the development, planning, and implementation of all educational programming, including prop making as necessary, in coordination with shipboard Program Director
- Assist with all routine and regularly scheduled maintenance of the *Mildred Belle*
- Provide direction, training, and oversight regarding educational programming for the Maritime Educator and interns on the *Mildred Belle* in coordination with shipboard Program Director
- Coordinate with the Program Director the recording of accurate trawl and water quality data for scientific reporting and the recording of trip information and teacher evaluations for the *Mildred Belle*
- Act as a liaison between LC-NCR and educational partners in the community
- Help create a fun work environment as well as a fun learning environment for the students
- Coordinate with Mildred Belle crew and Program Director the maintenance and care of educational equipment & supplies, and to keep them in good condition and in good supply
- Fulfill all duties as a crew as outlined by the Captain and Coast Guard regulations
- Participate in professional development activities and exercises to improve teaching and other skills
- Work cohesively as a team with the Captain, Program Director, Fleet Captain, Director of Educational Enrichment, educational staff, interns, partners, all Baltimore-based LCF staff and most importantly LC-NCR's clients
- Assist with teaching programs on other LC-NCR vessels/site as needed
- Encourage and demonstrate the type of professional and courteous work environment that is expected and maintain professionalism at all times as an important representative of the Living Classrooms Foundation

- Such other duties as assigned

Primary Qualifications/Skills:

- Bachelor's degree, preferable in biology, environmental science, or education
- Previous work experience with students is strongly preferred
- Previous work experience with boats and/or outdoor education is a plus
- Ability to work collaboratively with staff
- Exceptional verbal communication skills
- Willingness to get wet/dirty on a daily basis

Other:

- Full time salaried position, with some weekend, evening, overnight camping work, and fall travel required
- Medical, dental and life insurance provided