



RANCHO MISSION VIEJO LAND TRUST

The Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust (RMVLT), a private foundation, is seeking to hire a part-time Interpretive Naturalist to work on The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo (The Reserve). RMVLT is responsible for management of The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo, a growing habitat reserve located in South Orange County, California. Currently The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo is approximately 6,500 acres in size, but over time is anticipated to grow to approximately 20,000 acres in size.

The Reserve is dedicated to connecting visitors to the land through our community education and stewardship programs. The Field Naturalist will join our team and assist in making these connections by leading school education and interpretive programs to visitors.

Core Duties:

- Teach educational programs to students grades K-12 in an outdoor setting.
- Present interpretive hikes, walks, lectures, presentations and programs to the public, volunteers and community groups
- Handle and care for a variety of animals, including snakes and spiders
- Assist in habitat restoration projects including removing invasive species, monitoring and helping manage restoration sites.

Communication Skills:

- Create and maintain strong cooperative relationships with visitors, coworkers, community agencies, school personnel, volunteers, and professional individuals
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Promote Reserve programs at various partner and community events

Knowledge and Skills:

- B.S or B.A in ecology, biology, environmental studies, environmental education, recreation or a related field; or equivalent work experience
- Minimum of two (2) years prior teaching or interpretive experience

Working Conditions/Physical Abilities:

- Comfortable being outside in variable weather and physical conditions
- Ability to move up to thirty (30) pounds, load and unload supplies, set up, and breakdown equipment
- Hike quickly for up to three (3) miles in an emergency situation to obtain assistance

Licenses/Certifications:

- A valid California Driver's License is required
- CPR/First Aid certification is required (provided upon employment)

\$15.00/hour; 15-20 hours/week. Ability to work Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Interested persons should email a resume to Leeta Latham, Education and Public Programs Manager at llatham@rmvreserve.org