

Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association

## Program Supervisor & Educator

The Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association is hiring a fulltime Program Supervisor and Educator to work with our Partnership Coordinator/association Executive Director to oversee and operate the Vernal School Environmental Education Partnership in coordination with a variety of different groups and partners throughout the region.

**Location:** Riverkeeper office in Sunbury, PA, coordinating main programming at Montour Preserve in upper Montour County, PA, near Washingtonville.

**Qualifications:** We are seeking someone with a strong desire to creatively enhance environmental education for all ages and abilities while supporting growth and sustainability of the Montour Preserve through collaboration with multiple partners. This requires the ability to be a creative, out-of-the-box problem solver, a strong communicator and strategic leader who can assess resources, identify strengths in others and empower them to productively contribute to the greater project. We are looking for someone who can help incorporate new statewide science standards into programming that focuses on STEM principles and inspires young people to become independent, creative problem solvers. We also need someone who will be actively pursuing local, state and federal environmental education grant cycles, writing and applying for them on deadline.

**Partner relationships:** This partnership includes working with a wide variety of different entities. This includes working closely with the Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC), helping support MARC and its efforts to maintain the preserve. Other partners already connected to the effort in which the candidate will be working closely include the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Susquehanna University Freshwater Research Institute, Bucknell University, Master Naturalists, Boy Scouts of America, local county conservation district offices, local chambers of commerce and others, including the potential of working with elected officials and other local leaders.

**Responsibilities:** Working directly with the MSRKA's Riverkeeper/executive director/partnership coordinator, you will oversee each element of the development of the Vernal School Environmental Education Partnership under the direction of the MSRKA board of directors and main members of the partnership.

- Working with partnering groups, develop and implement a working schedule of environmental education programs for all ages and experience levels. Make sure this schedule of events is universal with (MARC) programming.
- Help develop classes and curriculum for environmental programming that incorporates new statewide science standards and utilizes tools and other resources provided by partnering groups.
- Where necessary and possible, lead environmental education classes with a wide variety of individuals with different skillsets, learning styles and needs.
- Look for creative ways to build new partnerships and connections to add to the resources for long-term sustainability of the program.

- Proactively research, pursue and apply for local, state and national environmental education grants that will help strengthen the programming and long-term sustainability of the educational partnership and the preserve.
- Work closely with all partners, especially MSRKA and MARC, to help fill gaps and cover needs to help the preserve's future blossom.
- Identify cost-effective opportunities to improve areas of the preserve to enhance environmental education.
- Other responsibilities as needed by the association.

**How to apply:** Send a cover letter, resume and at least three references to Riverkeeper John Zaktansky at [midsusriver@gmail.com](mailto:midsusriver@gmail.com). Questions can also be sent to this email or to 570-768-6300.