

**Position Title:** Environmental Educator/Resource Technician (2 positions)

**Sponsoring Organization:** Franklin Conservation District

**Sponsoring Organization's Mission:** The Franklin Conservation District (FCD) promotes education, conservation, and wise use of natural resources by providing technical and financial assistance to natural resource users. Over the past 7 years the Franklin Conservation District has sponsored Salmon in the Classroom to area school and has provided a hands-on science, program to area schools called Water on Wheels. To date, the FCD has primarily served students in Benton, Franklin, Adams, Grant and Walla Walla Counties. All staff members have a strong commitment to the mission, vision, and goals of the FCD.

Each year the FCD sponsors regional teacher training workshops on environmental and natural resource education programs including Project WET (Water Education for Teachers), Project WILD, WILD about Salmon, Project Learning Tree and Cool School Challenge. The FCD strives to partner with other agencies such as ESD 123, local colleges and state universities, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Ecology, Washington Forest Protection Association, Army Corp of Engineers, National Park Service, Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Federation all helped in these training sessions with resources and personnel.

**Location:** 1620 Road 44 North, Pasco, WA 99301

**Position Summary:** AmeriCorps members will be assisting in the development and delivery of a regional environmental education programs (Water on Wheels) and Salmon in the Classroom to area schools and school groups. This program is ongoing through the school year 2009-2010. Program delivery will occur in area schools, at specified field locations and in community group forums throughout the eastern Washington, but primarily in Benton, Franklin, Adams, Grant and Walla Walla Counties.

**General Responsibilities:**

- Provide high-quality and energetic Water on Wheels lessons to area schools and school groups
- Assist in salmon dissections, as well as lead salmon dissection with volunteer assistance
- Assist in set-up, maintenance and trouble-shooting problems with Salmon in the Classroom aquarium tanks
- Assist in the further development of the FCD's Education and Outreach Programs
- Able to perform and prioritize work tasks with little supervision

**Requirements:**

- Desire to work with children Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as home schooled students, school groups, and teachers
- Education, Natural Resource or Science experience

- Flexibility to changing work environments
- Ability to work with FCD team to develop, implement and refine programs
- Ability to lift up to 35 lbs., or be able to lift with reasonable accommodations
- 18 years of age or older, by completion of the program.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Submit to a criminal history background check.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Degree in Education, Wildlife Biology, Natural Resource Sciences or related fields
- Demonstrate abilities in written and oral communication
- Experience developing and delivering Environmental Education activities
- Training in *Projects WET, WILD and Learning Tree* Curriculum
- Knowledge of wildlife, water issues or natural resource issues
- Possess a high degree of energy and self-motivation

**Full-time Member (1700/hr) Benefits Include: (provided by PCEI)**

- *A taxable, monthly living stipend (before taxes, \$11,400 or \$5,876 for serving entire term of service).*
- *Upon successful completion of a full term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$4,725 or \$2,362.50. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational, or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.*
- *Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).*
- *Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependants; vision and dental not included).*
- *Childcare allowance for those who qualify.*

**TO APPLY, SUBMIT RESUME, COVER LETTER AND 2 WRITTEN REFERENCES BY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2009 TO:**

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