

Volunteer Role Outline

Role title:
Saturday Learning Volunteer - Nature Tots
Based at location
Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre, Sutton Courtenay Rd, Abingdon OX14 4TE
Purpose of the role
To support our Learning Team in engaging pre-school children to explore the nature reserve and enjoy wildlife themed activities.
Type of work in which you will be involved
<p>We are looking for a volunteer who would like to help our 18 months to 4-year-old visitors engage with the outdoors one Saturday per month at our Nature Tots sessions. Children come with their parents/carers for a morning or afternoon session and take part in lots of fun play-based activities from bug hunting to singing and sensory play to craft.</p> <p>The role includes a range of tasks such as welcoming families, playing with the children, helping to run individual activities such as a craft or vegetable harvesting, making tea, reading stories, car parking, setting up and clearing up.</p> <p>You will also have the opportunity to get involved with other volunteering onsite if you are interested, including helping to run family events, toddler groups on other days of the week, school visits etc. Volunteers are a key part of our learning provision and contribute in many different ways.</p>
Experience &/or qualifications needed
Would suit a friendly, efficient person who likes to work with toddlers, is available to commit to a regular monthly session (timing 9am – 3:30pm) and is fit enough to fetch and carry equipment across rough terrain on occasions. You will be expected to undergo a DBS check and complete a basic online safeguarding training course.
Times/days we would like you to be available
1 Saturday per month (dates provided at least 6 months in advance), 9am – 3:30pm. (Occasional missed months e.g. holidays not a problem if sufficient warning is given.)
Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chance to be actively involved in BBOWT's inspiring education work • The chance to work with a lovely, enthusiastic age group and embrace your inner child! • The opportunity to promote Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust • You will be joining a great team of volunteers and staff and have the opportunity to learn about the site and its wildlife. • Volunteers with the Trust can attend online talks and guided walks.

- BBOWT also arranges annual thank-you events with opportunities to meet other volunteers and staff and hear about the activities and strategies of the Trust.
- We have an email newsletter for volunteers called Grapevine.

You will be responsible to

Senior Learning Officer

Expenses payable

None

Interview, References or DBS check required

Informal interview and Enhance DBS check