Volunteer Role Outline

Role title:

Engaging With Nature Project Volunteer

Based at location (please indicate if disabled access is available):

The Nature Discovery Centre, Thatcham.

Purpose of the role:

- To assist in delivery of weekly outdoor 'Engaging With Nature' sessions, aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing of a group of attendees referred by local organisation Eight Bells for Mental Health.
- To share your delight in the natural world openly and facilitate opportunities for attendees to connect positively with the environment and wildlife found here on site.
- To inspire people to look after and encourage wildlife in their local area.

Type of activity you will be involved in:

- Assisting with set up for sessions, e.g. preparing food and drinks, a campfire, wildlife exploration, creative activity (training will be provided)
- There will be a selection of activities on offer / things which need setting up which will include: a campfire, preparing food and drinks, wildlife exploration and a creative activity. Relevant training will be provided.
- These sessions will be held outdoors in all weathers throughout the year. Suitable shelter and clothing will be provided.

Experience &/or qualifications needed:

- Excellent communication skills
- Friendly, approachable manner
- An interest in Nature Therapy
- Ability to communicate and interact with a range of people from different age groups and backgrounds

Times/days we would like you to be available (flexibility is often possible):

 Sessions will be held weekly on Fridays, , but this may change in future according to requirements of each community group

Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities:

Induction as a BBOWT volunteer

- A chance to experience managing a site for the benefit of people and wildlife
- Satisfaction of seeing the results and benefits of what you do
- Access to BBOWT 'Developing Your Skills' training courses (including leadership and first aid)
- A wide range of opportunities to increase your skills and satisfy your interests
- Regular social events
- The volunteer newsletter, Grapevine
- Invitation to county-wide volunteer events

You will be responsible to:

Engaging With Nature Project Officer

References or CRB check required:

DBS check needed