

Position Title: Outdoor School Assistant Instructor
Organization: The Pine Project
Location: Don Valley and Humber Valley areas, Toronto, Ontario
Position Type: Contract (23 September, 2024 - 15 June, 2025)
Hours per Week: Various positions ranging from 5-30 hours
Compensation: \$17.20 - \$20.00/hour, depending on experience
Reports to: Program Manager



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About The Pine Project

The Pine Project is Ontario's leading nature connection organization. We offer year-round nature connection programs for people of all ages in Toronto and the surrounding area. Our programs foster confidence, competence, resilience and a deep relationship with nature in a way that is hard to achieve in more conventional learning environments. By helping children connect to nature and teaching adults to do the same, we inspire children to respect, cherish, and care for the Earth. We are empowering the next generation of environmental stewards, problem solvers and leaders. Check out our website – pineproject.org – for more information.

We are committed to promoting equity and diversity within our workplace and greater community. We are especially excited to see applications from members of equity-deserving groups, particularly people from racialized backgrounds.

About this role

We are seeking people passionate about education, nature, and increasing access for all. Pine staff deliver creative nature-based programs in Toronto's parks and beyond. Getting involved with Pine means getting involved with a community of people learning about the natural world around them and pushing the leading edge of change in education. Joining our team opens up a challenging and rewarding journey of growth and discovery. Many staff have found that Pine has changed them and their approach to education in transformational ways.

Key Position Responsibilities

- Assist with the planning and delivery of The Pine Project's nature connection programming;
- Act in the best interest of all campers and staff in attendance
- Attend staff training; familiarize yourself with and abide by all policies and procedures
- Willingness to continuously learn relevant knowledge and skills

Why You Should Apply

What You Bring:

- A passion for learning and growth (in the outdoors)
- Experience and skill in working with or caring for children of various ages
- Enthusiastic, outgoing, and flexible approach
- Strong communication, time management, teamwork, and organizational skills
- Commitment to The Pine Project's mission statement and core values
- Desire to further your own naturalist skills, mentoring techniques, and nature connection
- Preparedness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Up to date Police Vulnerable Sectors Check
- Up to date Standard First Aid and CPR-C or higher

The following are preferred, but not mandatory. Many gain these experiences in introductory roles with us:

- Outdoor and environmental education
- Naturalist knowledge
- Survival skills, wilderness experience
- Valid class G driver's licence

The Pine Project understands that the cost of certifications can be a barrier to accessing employment. If you identify as a member of a disadvantaged or marginalized group, or have faced other systemic barriers to accessing employment, we may be able to subsidize the required certifications.

What we bring

- A staff community of learners pushing each other to grow our knowledge and experience
- Daily experiences in the outdoors and in-depth knowledge of Toronto parks and ravines
- Training in topics related to Nature, Wilderness travel, Wilderness skill development, program planning and design
- Training in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice
- Discounts on Pine Project programs
- Work with purpose: make a difference for nature and people
- Casual and welcoming work environment

How to Apply

Complete an application through our online portal at <https://pineprojectstaff.campbrainstaff.com/>

OR

Send resume and cover letter to work@pineproject.org with Outdoor School Assistant Instructor position in the subject line.

Apply by 21 June, 2024 to be considered in the first round of hiring. Applications submitted after 21 June will be considered in the second round of hiring.

While we thank all applicants for their interest, only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls please.

The Pine Project is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to promoting equity, inclusion and diversity within our workplace and greater community. We work proactively to develop a barrier-free selection process and inclusive work environment that is increasingly representative of the communities we live and work in, and where all team members are able to express ideas, opinions and experiences.

We welcome applications from all qualified individuals with an interest in advancing our mission, vision and values, and assisting us in deepening our commitment to Anti-racism/Anti-oppression. We especially encourage applications from members of historically disadvantaged and under-represented groups, including those who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, persons with disabilities, women and/or LGBTQ2S+. If contacted for a job opportunity, please advise us of any accommodation measures required to enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner. Information received will be addressed in confidence.