

**Position Title:** Forest School Educator  
**Organization:** The Pine Project  
**Location:** Etienne Brule/King's Mill Parks, Toronto, Ontario  
**Position Type:** Contract (March 15 2021 – June 2021)  
**Hours per Week:** 30-35 hours  
**Compensation:** \$18-20/hour



**About the Pine Project:**

The Pine Project fosters confidence, competence, resilience and connection to nature through transformative outdoor experiences for people of all ages in Toronto and beyond. Our work inspires a vital re-connection between people and nature. Our programs include weekly programming for children during the school year, overnight camps in South Central Ontario, as well as highly sought-after summer day camps in Toronto. We also offer family experiences and educator training programs for professionals.

In addition to a dynamic and inspiring work portfolio, we offer:

- A collaborative, supportive and inclusive work environment
- Opportunities for professional development, including training stipends, skills nights, and an annual skills development week
- Staff discounts on all Pine Project programs and merchandise

**Position Description:**

The Forest School Educator will be a core component of our forest school staff. Working with our innovative approach to nature education, this role provides the opportunity to creatively deliver our program curriculum on a daily basis, and relate it back to the Ontario curriculum. Naturalist knowledge, experience working with children and working in the outdoors are key elements of the role. In addition, a teaching certificate is required for this position. Forest school educators work to embody respect, gratitude, awareness, life-long learning, and resilience, in alignment with our core values.

The central objective of this position is to:

- Deliver programs creatively and effectively on a daily basis and in a high-quality manner that advances our mission and vision
- Plan curriculum supporting both the Ontario curriculum and the Pine Project curriculum

**Key Position Responsibilities:**

- Lead the planning and delivery of the Pine Project's nature connection programming in a forest school setting;
- Develop lesson plans integrating the Ontario curriculum and the Pine Project's approach
- Arrive on time for all programs and lead each team planning and debrief meeting;
- Mentor assistant staff and volunteers;
- Act in the best interest of all campers and staff in attendance;
- Familiarize yourself with and abide by all policies and procedures including, but not limited to, the staff handbook and emergency plans;
- Attend staff training as required;
- Commit to developing naturalist knowledge, wilderness skills, and personal connection to nature;
- Be prepared to work outdoors in all weather conditions;
- Maintain current first aid and police record check;

- Willingness to continuously learn relevant knowledge and skills related to program content and curriculum.

### **Requirements**

- **Up to date teaching certificate (Ontario College of Teachers or other)**
- Up to date Police Vulnerable Sectors Check
- Up to date Standard First Aid and CPR-C or higher
- Valid Class G Driver's License
- Minimum 3 years experience working with children in a mentorship role
- Naturalist knowledge of local ecosystems
- Experience with the Pine Project (e.g. volunteering, adult programs) (preferred)

### **About you:**

- Be enthusiastic, outgoing, and flexible
- Be able and willing to work as part of a team
- Have good communication, time management, and organizational skills
- Identify with Pine's mission statement and core values
- Have a desire to further own naturalist/wilderness skills, mentoring techniques, and/or nature connection through professional development opportunities

It'd be great if you have experience in any of the following areas:

- Outdoor and environmental education
- Naturalist experience and knowledge
- Survival skills, wilderness experience
- Utilizing the Ontario curriculum and integrating it into outdoor experiences

### **Application Procedure:**

Please send a resume and cover letter to: [work@pineproject.org](mailto:work@pineproject.org)

- Email Subject Line: "Forest School Educator 2021"

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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 and diversity within our workplace and greater community. We work proactively to develop a barrier-free selection process and inclusive work environment where team members feel empowered to express authentic ideas and experiences. We welcome applications from all qualified applicants with an interest in advancing our mission, vision and values. We especially encourage applications from members of disadvantaged and marginalized 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.*