

# Mother Nature Storyteller

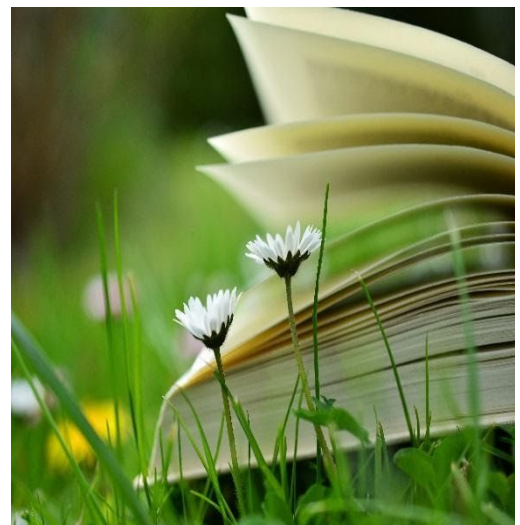
Baltimore City Recreation & Parks invites responsible, enthusiastic individuals to apply for our Mother Nature Storyteller volunteer position. As part of the BCRP team, you will have direct experiences teaching and learning at Gwynns Falls Leakin Park with young members of our Baltimore community.

Mother Nature Storytime is a free event open to 0 to 5 year olds with their caregivers and takes place outdoors, weather permitting. The Mother Nature Storyteller will lead this monthly storytelling program. Examples of duties include: leading storytelling circles with young children, relating stories back to educational themes, creating a sense of wonder for native plants and animals, sharing artifacts from the local environment, and empowering young minds to promote environmental stewardship for generations to come!

Story materials, a history of the park, and an orientation of the nature center are provided. This monthly position is a great way to grow a sense of excitement in children with deep connections to our local environment at Gwynns Falls Leakin Park!

## OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead Mother Nature Storytime, including set-up and clean-up
- Learn about Gwynns Falls Leakin Park and it's natural history
- Understand how to identify local plant and animal species
- Captivate young children and build a sense of respect for our natural world
- Ensure that children have fun, safe, playful experiences at Gwynns Falls Leakin Park
- Demonstrate professional standards of communication, attitude, and appearance for all interactions with children, parents, and BCRP staff



## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Experience working with children and storytelling
- Strong interest in nature, environmental science, outdoor education, or related field
- Eager to learn new approaches in teaching environmental education and young children
- Eager to discover and interpret local natural history
- Excited to explore Gwynns Falls Leakin Park in all weather
- Reliable transportation
- Have a kind, humorous, and considerate attitude!

## COMMITMENT

Applicants must be available on the first Monday of each month from 9:30am-11am. The actual program takes place from 10-10:45, however you will need to set-up and clean-up.