

2023 BATTERY PLAYScape ASSOCIATE - SEASONAL, APRIL-OCTOBER

The Battery Conservancy (TBC) is a non-profit partner of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation working to operate and activate The Battery, the 25-acre historic park located at the southern tip of Manhattan, easily accessible from 4/5, R/W, and 1 trains, select bus service, and of course, by bike.

For the 2023 season we seek two Playscape Associates to bring science and arts education to our visitors as they experience the Playscape's five ecology zones and assist in programming the visual and performing arts at NYC's first improv theater ShowBox, a center feature of the Playscape/playground. Associates work side by side with TBC staff of gardeners, urban farmers, and our director of **Playscape Performs**.

The Battery is at the forefront of sustainable park maintenance, organic horticulture with its 240,000sf of gardens, and one acre toxin free urban farm. Since 1994 TBC has spearheaded the park's transformation from a dilapidated and rundown dustbowl into a paradise of plants, and outdoor adventure.

Battery Playscape, opened December 2021, was designed post Storm Sandy to flood and recover. It fosters environmental and cultural awareness through innovative architectural design driven by sustainable and water-conscious features.

Children will engage, with your encouragement, the five ecology zones: **Bluff** with five granite slides; **Riverbed** and **Marsh** with salt-tolerant gardens, elevated tree houses, and sand/water play; and **Dune** and **Meadow** presenting **ShowBox**. The theater is the home of TBC's performing arts program, Playscape Performs, which features free music, dance, and puppet shows every Sunday in April – October.

The Playscape Associate position is five days a week from April 1st through October 31st. Applicants should live to work outdoors with children of various ages and diverse backgrounds. Playscape Associates will monitor play areas, lead free activities for children and families, and serve as our ambassador for The Battery.

Schedule: April 01 – October 31

- Includes one week of training
- Five days each week, 9am – 5pm. Exact schedule to be discussed with each associate during the interview process
- Potential for additional shifts throughout the season
- Shift in workday for major TBC events, to be determined

Responsibilities:

- Engage the community by organizing free and innovative activities for children and their families, including games, arts and crafts, read-aloud story times, and outdoor adventures
- Assist with Playscape Performs at ShowBox by sharing performance times with Playscape visitors, greeting and helping to seat audience members, and assist performers with setup and tech
- Inspect play areas and report evidence of unsafe or compromised conditions. Alert TBC Operations staff who will repair, ensure proper health and safety standards, remove broken glass, litter, or other materials
- Assist in other tasks, such as staffing events for TBC

Qualifications:

- At least 18 years old
- Availability as detailed above
- Bachelors or Associates degree in a related field, or related experience in youth education and/or public-facing park work
- Experience leading hands-on activities for students K-12
- Creativity and initiative with strong communication and organizational skills
- A passion for environmental science, the arts, and outdoor education
- Ability to work in all weather conditions
- English fluency required, additional languages encouraged

Compensation:

- \$22.00/hour, 40 hours per week

To Apply:

- Email your resumé and cover letter to info@thebattery.org with the subject line:
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