



Executive Director

Blandford Nature Center, a 143 acre, urban natural preserve and nonprofit environmental education facility in Grand Rapids, MI seeks a passionate, motivated, and dynamic Executive Director. The Nature Center serves the environmental education needs of local schools and inspires the public with nature based programs (see www.blandfordnaturecenter.org.)

The Executive Director will be responsible for fund and resource development, strategic planning, and assuring the continued stability and growth of the organization. The successful candidate will have demonstrated an ability to bring new and creative approaches to fund raising and programming, inspire and lead a team-oriented staff, and communicate effectively with the Center's board, local communities and fund raising sources.

A minimum of five years of top management experience, preferably in a nonprofit, is required along with a college degree in a related field. A demonstrated ability to raise funds, develop partnerships, and engage the community is also required. Candidates must show a commitment to environmental education and sustainability and exhibit strong management and communication skills. Experience with strategic planning, financial management, staff and volunteer management, and environmental education is preferred.

This is a full time position with competitive salary based on experience and qualifications. The projected start date is fall 2009. Send resume including contact information for at least three references with a cover letter describing your qualifications and experience to Search Committee, Blandford Nature Center, 1715 Hillburn Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or to blandfordexecdir@gmail.com by July 10, 2009. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. The Nature Center is an equal opportunity employer.