



## **We're Hiring!**

### **AMERICORPS TEACHING RESIDENCY (Washington Reading Corps) at Carkeek Park**

*(40 hours per week, Mon-Fri morning class, Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class.)*

Tiny Trees Preschool gives children a quality education and a joyful, nature rich childhood: one full of play, exploration and wonder. By creating joyful, outdoor classrooms in our area's fabulous public parks, Tiny Trees eliminates the cost of a brick and mortar facility. This makes preschool affordable and accessible to all families and allows us to invest in what really matters: empowering great teachers. Tiny Trees is an official partner of Seattle's Parks and Recreation, Burien Parks & Recreation, Seattle Art Museum, & King County Parks and is a provider for the Seattle Preschool Program – Pathways, which provides free tuition at Tiny Trees for children in poverty.

Tiny Trees opened 4 locations in September 2016 at Camp Long (West Seattle), Carkeek Park (North Seattle), Jefferson Park (SE Seattle) & Rainier Valley (SE Seattle). Additional outdoor schools at the SAM Olympic Sculpture Park (Downtown Seattle), Cougar Mountain (Issaquah/Renton), and Big Finn Hill Park (Kirkland) open fall of 2017. Now, in 2018, we're moving John C. Little to Beer Sheva (SE Seattle) and opening locations at Five Mile Lake (Auburn) and Seahurst Park (Burien). More information in this [Q13 Fox News interview](#), this [Seattle Times article](#) or at [TinyTrees.org](http://TinyTrees.org).

**We are looking for an Americorps Teaching Resident at our Carkeek Park classroom, beginning September 1 or September 15th!**

#### **During your AmeriCorps Teaching Residency, you will:**

*Work closely with our director of education, team of coordinators, and fellow teachers. This will include:*

- Teach and develop curriculum of Tiny Trees Preschool in conjunction with other members of the teaching team using [High Scope](#) as the framework. You will teach in all areas of the curriculum, but will have a focus on language rich play, story times, and other reading adventures.
- Assure that the classroom operates within the guidelines and standards of the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).
- Create an inviting and emotionally safe classroom that meets the highest quality standards.
- Adapt your classroom to the cultural needs of your student body. This includes incorporating an anti-bias curriculum into your work.
- Be responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of all children. This includes helping children stay warm and dry in poor weather, managing risk in an outdoor setting and addressing student conflict.
- Learn how to conduct regular assessment of students using [Teaching Strategies GOLD](#) or other pedagogical documentation and assessment.
- Conduct home visits and parent-teacher conferences.
- Play! Get muddy! Have fun with the children in your classroom.

- Learn about northwest natural history so you can share awesome moments with your students.
- Be an ambassador for Seattle Parks and Recreation when interacting with the public. This may include giving directions, explaining what outdoor preschool looks like, and highlighting resources or activities in the park.
- Other duties as assigned.

**You Are:**

- Passionate, creative, intentional and reflective.
- Dedicated to equal access to education, early learning, child-directed and play-based learning, and the outdoors. In short, you love children, equity in education, and the environment.
- Engaging and easily able to communicate with students, families, and peers.
- Excited to get dirty and laugh a lot while teaching outside in all types of weather.
- Creative and driven to adapt lessons to outdoor classrooms in Seattle city parks.
- Inter-culturally fluent and familiar with anti-bias approaches.
- Tolerant of uncertainty and change and understand that organizations continue to improve when the people who work there are adaptable, take chances, and learn from their mistakes.
- Able to work occasional weekends and evenings (open houses, parent-teacher conferences, etc.).
- Bonus Points!
  - Multi-lingual: Spanish, Mandarin, Somali.
  - AA or BA in Child Development, Early Childhood Education, or related.
  - Experience teaching children 3-5 years old in a preschool or an outdoor setting.
  - Knowledge of Pacific Northwest natural history.
  - Special talent (play an instrument, sing, puppetry, storytelling, knot tying, artistic, etc).

**Job Title: *Teaching Resident, Washington Reading Corps, AmeriCorps***

- Reports to the Director of Education and Operations.
- Classroom location: Carkeek Park, Jefferson Park, or John C Little Park
- This position is Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week, and paid hourly. Classes: Mon-Fri morning & Mon/Wed/Fri afternoon. Two afternoons per week for planning and prep.
- The position begins August 16, 2017.

**Salary and Benefits:** This is a 40 hour per week position for the 10.5-month school year. Stipend and benefits are provided by Washington Reading Corps (AmeriCorps) and is contingent on federal funding.

- Living stipend of \$1,202.86 per month provided by WSC.
- Subsidized childcare available, provided by GAP Solutions Inc. (if qualified)
- Health Insurance
- Student loan forbearance (on qualifying loans)
- \$5,815 Education Award provided by National Service Trust (upon successful completion of 10.5 month term of service and 1,700 hours of service)

**In addition, Tiny Trees Preschool will provide:**

- 25 days of training and 1 year teaching experience.
- Certification for completion outdoor learning from Tiny Trees Preschool.
- Rain jacket and pants, plus discounts on outdoor clothing available.
- Opportunity to apply for full and part time teaching positions upon completion of the residency.

**Apply:** Please submit a cover letter and resume with contact info for three references at [tinytrees.org/about/careers](http://tinytrees.org/about/careers). Application deadline rolling. This position requires successful reference and background checks. Tiny Trees Preschool is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates who add to our diverse community are encouraged to apply.