



Shining Rivers Waldorf School

A Developing Waldorf School

2009-2010 Employment Opportunities

Early Childhood Lead Teacher

Ideal candidates will have a passion for realizing the dream of Waldorf education in the heartland of America, experience in Early Childhood teaching, strong self-direction, and a developed sense of themselves as an educator. The Early Childhood program includes a Preschool (2.5-4 yrs) and Kindergarten (4-6 yrs) Class, as well as Parent-Child Sessions. Lead teacher work daily with an assistant, and work with the EC team for overall programmatic planning. Class size varies from approximately 8-18 children.

Grades Lead Teacher

Ideal candidates will have a passion for realizing the dream of Waldorf education in the heartland of America, experience in Grades teaching, strong self-direction, and a developed sense of themselves as an educator. The 2009-2010 Grades program will include a 1/2 Class, 3/4 Class, and 5/6 class. Lead teachers work with an afternoon assistant for outdoor play, and specialty teachers for German, Spanish, handwork, and violin. Grades faculty meet weekly to direct overall programmatic planning. Class size varies from approximately 8-15 children.

Educational Support Specialist

Ideal candidates will have knowledge of the Waldorf philosophy and curriculum, experience providing remedial support in a Grades classroom, strong self-direction, and a developed sense of themselves as an educator. Familiarity with a variety of educational support methods and tools for students struggling with reading and math is required. This individual will work with individual students and small groups, as well as provide support to the Lead Teacher in lesson planning. The Educational Support Specialist will bring topics to the faculty body when appropriate and assist the Administrative team with reporting and documentation. Part-time position with scheduled with lead faculty.

For all positions, Waldorf certification, either complete or in process, is preferred. We offer a competitive salary, tuition remission, potential partial funding for teacher training by application, medical benefits, and more.

Directions on How to Apply - See Below



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About Our School

Founded in 1993, we are currently recognized by AWSNA as a Developing School with students in grades pre-K through grade 5 actively on our way to full accreditation. We serve approximately 70 children and 58 families. Though small, our community features an active parent body, committed Board, strong Administration, and collaborative Faculty. Our administration includes an Enrollment Coordinator and Business Manager, who support the office, and we have seasoned handwork, Spanish, German, and violin teachers.

Our community enjoys the celebration of festivals throughout the year, both on and off-campus. Parents meet regularly for Parenting Book Study and Waldorf Craft Group. The school has also developed a Cultural Care Committee - Anthroposophy study group and hopes to support Foundation Year classes during the year.

Our campus includes two residential homes with a large meadow, parking area and garden, and is directly across from a public park. We are currently located in the Webster Groves community, but continually evaluate plans for expansion or relocation to support the growth of the school.

Saint Louis is at the heart of the continent, and Saint Louisans enjoy a low cost of living. We boast a small, neighborhood feel coupled with the advantages of a major metropolitan area, such as top rated health care and a thriving arts community. Shining Rivers benefits from being situated in an area with free or extremely low cost admission to the Art and History Museum's, Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Saint Louis Science Center, Municipal Opera, and other major attractions. Saint Louis also boasts over 100 parks, including Tower Grove and Forest Park, farmer's markets in season, over 200 miles of biking, cycling, and walking trails, and relatively close proximity to a developing Camphill community and Spikenard Farm, a community working with biodynamic agriculture, holistic beekeeping, Waldorf education, and therapies inspired by Anthroposophy. The Saint Louis area is also fortunate to have an Anthroposophical Physician who is also Board Certified in Family Medicine and Homeotherapeutics. For more about Saint Louis, see <http://www.stlrcga.org/x265.xml> or about Spikenard, see <http://www.spikenardfarm.org/>.

Please visit our website at www.shiningrivers.org to learn more about our school. Shining Rivers is dedicated to diversity, and we hope that candidates of all backgrounds and beliefs will apply. Please email cover letter with short autobiographical statement, resume, and references to address below. Add the title of the position you are interested in to the subject line. Please also specify if specifically interested in full-time or part-time employment opportunities.

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