

## Position Description

<b>Job Title:</b>	RSI – Pops Playground Programming Specialist	<b>Revision Date:</b>	2/29/24
<b>Department:</b>	Philadelphia Parks & Recreation	<b>Hiring Manager:</b>	Elisa Ruse-Esposito
<b>Salary:</b>	\$16.00/hr	<b>Application deadline:</b>	Open until Filled
<b>Position Type</b>	Temporary/Seasonal Employment; Six (6) to Nine (9) Months in Duration		

### Overview of City of Philadelphia

With a workforce of over 30,000 people, and opportunities in more than 1,000 different job categories, the City of Philadelphia is the fifth largest city in the United States and one of the largest employers in Southeastern Pennsylvania. As an employer, the City of Philadelphia operates through the guiding principles of service, integrity, respect, accountability, collaboration, diversity and inclusion. Through these principles, we strive to effectively deliver services, to resolve the challenges facing our city, and to make Philadelphia a place where all of our residents have the opportunity to reach their potential.

### Agency Description

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) advances the prosperity of the city and the progress of her people through intentional and sustained stewardship of over 10,200 acres of public land and waterways as well as through hundreds of safe, stimulating recreation, environmental, and cultural centers. PPR promotes the well-being and growth of the City’s residents by connecting them to the natural world around them, to each other, and to fun, physical, and social opportunities. PPR is responsible for the upkeep of historically significant Philadelphia events and specialty venues, and works collaboratively with communities and organizations in leading capital projects and the introduction of inventive programming. To learn more about Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, visit us at [www.phila.gov/parksandrec](http://www.phila.gov/parksandrec), and follow @philaparkandrec on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Tumblr.

### Position Summary

PPR’s Stewardship team engages and supports Philadelphia residents in the care of their neighborhoods and watershed parks. Focusing on collective engagement, the Stewardship team acts as an intermediary between park friends and PPR. Stewardship supports a network of 140 Park Friends Groups and Community Gardens through capacity building, annual events, service days and park activations. This unit also offers environmental stewardship service opportunities for Philadelphia residents to participate in the park system and connect to nature.

The Recreation Specialty Instructor (RSI) will lead activations at Black, Coyle, McBride / Pops Playground in East Kensington for children from toddler age to middle school.

## Responsibilities

- Lead kid & family programming at Black, Coyle, McBride / Pops Playground
- Design weekly program schedule
- Track program attendance
- Communicate with local Friends Group and park users
- Will need to work some weekends and nights; hours will change seasonally
- Related duties as assigned

## Competencies, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Engaging and dynamic youth worker
- Ability to design and execute programming for a mixed age range
- Cultivate a space of free play for park users
- Must be a self-starter and able to work independently
- Experience with conflict mediation among children and teens
- Basic first aid for cuts, bruises, and scrapes
- Ability to work outside in inclement weather
- Ability to multitask

## Qualifications (Education and Experience)

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Two or more years' experience with youth programming
- Experience with community engagement, outreach & relationship-building

## Additional Information

- Successful candidates must be a city of Philadelphia resident as a condition of employment
- Interested candidates must submit a resume and cover letter to [elisa.ruse-esposito@phila.gov](mailto:elisa.ruse-esposito@phila.gov)
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