

# SOL FOREST SCHOOL

## Lead Educator


**SOL Forest School**, the first all-outdoor, all-weather Forest School in the state of New Mexico, is looking for professionals to join our team. We are a growing program and our 2021-2022 expansion plans include a unique K-3 forest school-home school program option, weekly sessions for children ages 7-10 years, the return of our Saturday Explorers program, as well as a few other potential offerings.

If you are passionate about connecting young children to nature, experiencing a well-established forest school first-hand, and have skills, interests, ideas & passions that could creatively contribute to our expanding program, then this could be for you!

**Educators are paid twice monthly throughout the forest school year & rate of pay is based on applicable experience & training. An end-of-year incentive will be awarded to Educators who work the full school year with us. SOL will also partially fund ECE & FS trainings, as our budget allows.**

Minimum requirements to apply:

- 21 years or older
- college degree (Associate's or higher)
- two references & a cleared background check required
- 8 hrs. per week minimum for 16 weeks; this includes some time for session planning & team meetings (preference given to candidates willing & able to work 2-3 sessions/days a week)
- ability to work in an all-outdoor environment in ALL conditions & seasons
- ability to lift 50+lbs (weight of a young child) & a good level of health/fitness required
- Wilderness First Aid training a plus
- experience working with young children strongly desired
- experience working in nature a plus
- ability to self-reflect & work within a collaborative team is required
- ability to attend occasional trainings is required
- desire to collaboratively work in a creative, welcoming, growing program a plus
- Forest School certification from a recognized training program is required or, in rare instances, a candidate with a combination of early childhood training, outdoor/environmental education training, work experience, Wilderness First Aid training, & skill in managing risk & supporting young children's risky & adventurous play, may be considered for the LEAD EDUCATOR position.



## To learn more about SOL Forest School:

Please go to our website & find us on Facebook & Instagram.

website: [solforestschool.com](http://solforestschool.com)

facebook: [facebook.com/soulfuloutdoorlearning/](https://facebook.com/soulfuloutdoorlearning/)

instagram: [instagram.com/sallyandsoulfuloutdoorlearning/](https://instagram.com/sallyandsoulfuloutdoorlearning/)

Our Director, Sally Anderson, was the first person in the US to train through Forest Schools Canada, & she serves as a Board Member of the American Forest Kindergarten Association (AFKA).

Both of these websites include good information about the Forest School movement.

<http://childnature.ca/about-forest-and-nature-school/>

<https://www.forestkindergartenassociation.org/>

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete and submit the Lead Educator interest form here or follow the link on our website:

**[Forest School LEAD Educator Form - Application of Interest](#)**