

### **4K Aide – The Ridges Sanctuary**

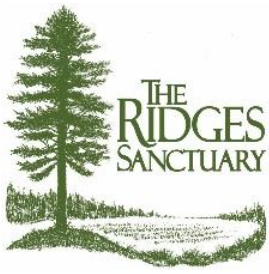
Join us in beautiful Door County and create a nature-based 4K experience that will impact children for the rest of their lives! We are The Ridges Sanctuary, in Baileys Harbor on Lake Michigan. In collaboration with Gibraltar School District, we will create and implement a Nature-Based 4K for the 2024-25 school year! Parents and children from all over Door County are excited to participate in this unique opportunity. We are T

This position is Part Time, 16 hours per week, mornings Monday – Thursday. If you are interested in spending your days with 4-year-olds in the beautiful nature of Door County, please see the job description below.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Sheryl Honig, Director of Education via email to [sheryl@ridgessanctuary.org](mailto:sheryl@ridgessanctuary.org). We will be accepting applications until the position is filled. The priority deadline to be considered for this position is June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Sheryl Honig via email or by phone:

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## 4K Teacher Aide, Dragonfly Nature Preschool 2024-25

### About The Ridges Sanctuary

The Ridges Sanctuary mission is to protect the Sanctuary and inspire stewardship of natural areas through programs of education, outreach, and research. The Ridges was established in 1937 after Albert Fuller, then Curator of Botany at the Milwaukee Public Museum, began spending a significant amount of time surveying the landscape. Fuller spearheaded a grassroots movement to protect this incredibly diverse property and establish Wisconsin's first land trust. The Ridges now protects over 1600 acres comprising fifteen discrete plant communities, 475 inventoried vascular plants, a Boreal Forest glacial relict and twenty-six of Wisconsin's forty-nine native orchids. The Ridges has also established popular early childhood education programs, a nationally recognized Orchid Restoration Project, and welcomes over 35,000 visitors to our Nature Center each year.

### Position Summary

The Ridges Sanctuary seeks to hire a Teacher Aide for Dragonfly Nature Preschool, which will be an official site of the Gibraltar School District 4K Collaborative. The preschool sessions are scheduled for mornings, Monday – Thursday, and will follow the Gibraltar School Calendar. The position is a 16-hour per week position, Monday – Friday during the school year, roughly August 26 – June 10<sup>th</sup>. The primary responsibility will be to assist the teacher and support the student's engagement in the natural world. Additional responsibilities during the summer can be negotiated. The Aide will be working outside every day in almost all weather and will be traversing uneven ground in forest and meadow. This position directly reports to the Director of Education and will work collaboratively with the Education Team throughout the year.

### Duties & Responsibilities

Dragonfly Nature Preschool

- Collaborating with the Lead Teacher, assist the teacher in supporting learning and development in a nature setting.
- Participate in special events.
- Other duties as needed.

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### Candidate Profile & Qualifications

- Experience in developing and delivering environmental education and/or camp programs is preferred.
- Energetic and enthusiastic personality to help motivate children and collaborate with co-workers.
- Knowledge of local natural history preferred.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Withstand the physical demands of work which involves some lifting, carrying, bending and hiking across uneven terrain.
- Must pass a criminal background check.