

The Plains Conservation Center (PCC) seeks an Education Director with vision and leadership to develop, implement and manage all aspects of our year-round, multifaceted environmental education program. This senior level manager will play a leadership role in an organization ready to develop into a regional resource for prairie protection and education.

## **About the Organization**

### Our Mission

The PCC exists to help preserve a remnant of native prairie, educate people about its natural and cultural history, and help people develop a conservation or environmental ethic that can be applied in their daily lives.

### Our History

For 44 years, the Plains Conservation Center has brought the wonders of the prairie to school children and families. Wildlife, prairie wildflowers, tipis, and a reconstructed sod village are the backdrop for education and scientific research on the ecology and cultural history of the Plains. We are now entering one of the most exciting times in our history. In Jan 2007, the PCC became an independent nonprofit organization contracted by the West Arapahoe Conservation District for stewardship and education on 10,000 acres of Colorado prairie. Our new Director of Education will join us as we begin the planning process for capitalizing on these resources.

### Our Land

The PCC operates two sites: 1,100 acres in Aurora, Colorado, which includes a nature center, 9 miles of trails, an historic farm, and administrative offices. The West Bijou site boasts 9,000 acres of upland prairie, 6 miles of West Bijou Creek, ravines, wetlands, and gallery forests. Significant paleontological, archaeological, and natural resources have been identified and extensive active research projects are underway at both sites.

### Our Programs.

The PCC offers a variety of programs dealing with the natural and cultural history of eastern Colorado. Programs for preschoolers, scouts, school groups, and general public range from a one-hour visit to overnight programs using our Plains Indian style tipis. Our website (<http://www.plainsconservationcenter.org/>) provides more information.

## **About the Position**

The PCC seeks a dynamic and experienced Education Director with a strong commitment to executing the Center's mission for preservation and education. The successful candidate will bring senior level nonprofit management experience that demonstrates the ability to inspire, lead, and manage a highly skilled and diverse staff and volunteers to achieve results. Enthusiasm for natural science and the cultural history of the Plains, as well as significant experience developing and implementing creative, highly effective education programs is desired.

The PCC is interested in candidates that have proven success in creating welcoming environments and impactful programs that reach diverse populations. Previous experience with master planning, site development and interpretive facility design would be advantageous. A complete job description is available on our website ([www.plainscenter.org](http://www.plainscenter.org)).

Please submit, in confidence, a letter expressing your interest and a current resume to Tudi Arneill (Executive Director) at [tarneill@plainscenter.org](mailto:tarneill@plainscenter.org) (in Microsoft Word format). Position will remain open until it is filled.