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Summer Resident Volunteer

Position: Docent – Visitor and Interpretive Services

Description of Area: The Eagle River Nature Center, Eagle River, Alaska, is located within Chugach State Park. The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon. Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find quick retreat in the park. Recreation includes hiking, climbing, wildlife viewing, water sports such as kayaking and canoeing, hunting, and ATV, mountain bike and horseback riding. Surrounded by high peaks and rich in wildlife, the Eagle River Valley contains 26 of the most scenic miles of the Historic Iditarod Trail (popularly referred to as the Crow Pass Trail). This popular hiking trail crosses a high pass, drops below the snout of two large glaciers, and crosses a wild unbridged river to reach the log cabin Nature Center and road system.

Main Tasks: Visitor information services; sales of small nature gift shop items; leading short nature hikes for small groups; some trail and facilities maintenance/janitorial tasks; and opportunities for independent projects.

Desired Skills: Good communication skills; interest in natural history interpretation; basic first aid skills; ability to work with people and share tight communal living spaces (kitchen, bathroom); general office skills (basic computer familiarity; operation of cash register); ability to work independently; initiative; and a good sense of humor.

Allowance/ Housing: Housing provided in a small cabin with gas heat (no electricity) approximately 5 minutes walk from the Nature Center; phone and modern kitchen and bathroom located inside the Nature Center and shared with no more than 3-5 other persons; shared vehicle use; expense allowance and possibility of portion of travel expenses covered (dependant on length of commitment and educational background).
Time Commitment: May- September with a minimum stay of 8-10 weeks. Your chance for selection will improve with a longer commitment. In return, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of southcentral Alaska and have an opportunity to experience Alaska's wild parklands.

Please fill out an Alaska State Parks Volunteer Online Application form (www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/vip) or contact our staff at info@ernc.org or call 907-694-2108.