

Eagle River Nature Center Naturalist (part-time, year round)

Job Description:

Under the supervision of the Eagle River Nature Center Chief Naturalist, the part-time naturalist will be responsible for teaching a wide variety of environmental and outdoor educational programs at the Eagle River Nature Center and in the Anchorage/Eagle River/Mat-Su areas. Programs include but are not limited to: school classes, Jr. Naturalist, homeschool groups, pre-school and all ages programs on week days and weekends as coordinated with the chief naturalist. Teaching is mainly at the Nature Center, but off-site travel in the Anchorage/Eagle River/Mat-Su areas may be required. Non-teaching time would involve researching and developing new educational programming and interpretive displays; assisting with special events (STEM nights, fundraisers, etc.); assisting with in-service training of volunteer naturalists and other Nature Center staff; organizing and categorizing naturalist materials and supplies; and occasionally helping at the front information desk. Other duties may also include assisting in the creation of public facing communications including social media, program newsletters, event marketing and assisting with fundraising efforts for specific programs and events.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in natural sciences (preferred, but not required) and experience working with people of all ages and abilities in an outdoor learning environment or applied experience working in environmental education and outdoor skills; knowledge of the natural history, flora, fauna and ecological processes pertinent to Alaska.

Desired skills:

Ability to organize ideas and concepts and teach them clearly and concisely; ability to use and modify behavior management strategies to meet the needs of all participants; ability to maintain work relationships with a foundation of mutual respect, teamwork, trust and confidence; possess sound judgement, adaptability, initiative and enthusiasm for children, people and the outdoors; physical ability to work outdoors in a variety of conditions (sun, rain, snow, cold temperatures) and hike on trails of various conditions. First aid and CPR training (both pediatric and adult).

Work Hours:

24 hours/week, including at least 1 weekend day (Saturday or Sunday) per week and occasional evenings. Other work days coordinated with the Chief Naturalist.

Compensation:

\$20,000 a year, part-time. Option for contribution to a Simple IRA retirement plan. No health benefits. Paid holidays and sick leave.

How to Apply:

To apply, please submit: a cover letter that highlights your interest in this position, your relevant experiences, and your experience working in a team setting; a resume/CV; and the contact information for three references. Submit your application materials – preferably as a single PDF document – to info@ernc.org.

Review of applications will begin asap. The start date is flexible, but we hope to have someone join our team as soon as possible (no later than October 31, 2024).