

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: private programs for various school groups and private organizations, public programming, and offsite programs. Work schedule is Thursday-Sunday, as coordinated with Chief Naturalist. . Position is based 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. Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in natural sciences (preferred, but not required); 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:

Strong research skills with an 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; proficient in Microsoft OneDrive and Canva; 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:

\$25,750 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 January 7th, 2025).