



Montana Natural History Center

Your Base Camp for Discovery

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Summer Camp Program Instructor

Job Summary: Have fun this summer while gaining valuable experience in environmental education providing leadership and instruction for the Summer Science Day Camps at The Montana Natural History Center. These camps are a popular series of programs for kids ages 4 – 13, and combine experiential natural science education with outdoor fun and adventure. Camps include weekly field trips and run for 9 weeks from June 14 through August 13. Every week is unique, so camp staff will gain broad experience in outdoor environmental education while we explore a variety of topics in natural history!

Specific Duties:

- Develop and lead week-long, themed, programs for students aged 4-13 years.
- Provide a safe, fun and educational environment.
- Assure health and safety of the participants and build positive group dynamics.
- Supervise morning and after camp activities as scheduled.
- Maintain program supplies and make suggestions for development.

Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree (or equivalent experience) in education or natural sciences
- Must have some experience supervising children in an outdoor setting
- Must be comfortable managing groups of up to 14 children, outdoors
- Must be able to work as part of a team
- Strong organizational, communication, and writing skills
- Commitment to stewardship through experiential education
- CPR and first aid certification by June 9, life guard certification a plus
- Valid driver’s license, willingness and ability to obtain a commercial driving license if a resident of Montana a HUGE PLUS
- Must be available for the complete duration of the program
- Flexibility, dependability, responsibility and a desire to have fun!

Conditions:

- Length of Commitment: available for 12 weeks (5/31-8/16), each staff person will work 7 weeks of camp.
- Attend 2 weeks of training May 31st-June 12th (Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00) and participate in the 1 day of camp clean-up on Monday, August 16th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Benefits:

- Experience teaching a variety of natural science curricula in an outdoor setting
- Learn program management skills in planning, evaluation, and safety
- Develop curriculum and pilot your new curriculum ideas

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- Expand and enhance your knowledge of natural history, place-based and inquiry-based education
- Academic internship credit available
- \$290-\$310 per week depending on experience (9 weeks)

To apply, send a cover letter, resume and contact information for 3 professional references to Alyssa McLean, Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory Street, Missoula, MT 59801. Call 406-327-0405 or email amclean@montananaturalist.org with questions. Please DO NOT email application materials.



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