



Counselor (Minimum 9-weeks)

Great Basin Institute at Galena Science Exploration Camps

The Great Basin Institute at Galena is seeking a Naturalist/Environmental Educator for a 9-week program beginning June 5th, 2017 and ending August 4th, 2017. Start and end date are flexible. Our goal is to provide local youth with opportunities to experience the outdoors in a safe, fun, nurturing and engaging setting, and to provide academic, STEM education support for educators.

Informal Education through Science Exploration Camps in the forest is the focus of this Internship at Galena, six miles from south Reno. Counselors gain educational experience through providing local youth with opportunities to experience the outdoors in a safe, fun, nurturing and engaging setting, focused on academic, STEM education .

We are fortunate to live and work at 6,400 ft elevation in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, a short distance from the incomparable Lake Tahoe. Six natural ecosystems are within a 20 minute drive: High desert, forest, still water, wetlands, mountains and rangeland. You will see wild horses and coyotes and may see bears.

These positions are responsible for assisting the Naturalists, the Director of Education and Outreach, and the Education Coordinator with implementation of Great Basin Naturalists Science Exploration Summer Camp throughh the Galena Creek Visitor Center. These positions will serve as AmeriCorps members with the Great Basin Institute and will work collaboratively with the US Forest Service and Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space.

Description:

- Assisting with the Great Basin Institute at Galena's Summer Exploration Camp from June 5 to at least August 4, 2017. Camps comprise theme-based activities that capitalize on the unique natural setting of Galena Creek Park and the Sierra Nevada region. Themes include natural and cultural history topics that allow children to experience the outdoors through discovery-based, STEM and environmental education. Camps include hands-on games, hikes, guided activities, field trips, guest presenters, exploration and play. Three weeks of camp are day only, with one day of overnight camping, and the last five weeks are residential camps at WeChMe Lodge.
- As the only fully outdoor environmental science field study program in Reno, our goal is to provide local youth with opportunities to experience the outdoors in a safe, fun, nurturing and engaging setting, and to provide academic, STEM education support.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Weekly stipend of \$150, housing available at no cost

- Trainings provided include but are not limited to: First aid and CPR course.
- Potential for a **Segal AmeriCorps Education Award in the amount of \$1,221.96**

Additional Position Details:

- Assist the Director of Education and Outreach, the Education Coordinator, and a Lead Naturalist in delivering environmental education curriculum to students and youth both in the field.
- Assist in assuring the safety of students and campers.
- Assist in presenting clear, well-organized educational programs that exemplify professional delivery, thematic development, cohesive structure that are consistently appropriate for the activity and the audience.
- Communicate effectively and develop relationships with camp and visitor center staff.
- Enforce camp policies, procedures and regulations.
- Recognize and assist in responding effectively to emergencies.
- Summer Camp, June 12- August 4, includes five weeks of 24 hr/day, Monday-Friday residence at WeChMe Lodge. Residential School Field Studies occur as booked.

Qualifications:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- Interest in working with K-12 children and/or in natural history;
- Campfire skills (song leading, guitar, storytelling) desirable;
- Enthusiasm and commitment to youth outdoor education;
- Ability to work in harsh and rapidly changing environments, work in all types of weather conditions, and otherwise maintain good physical condition;
- Minimum of 16 year of Age.

How to Apply:

Qualified and interested applicants should forward a cover letter, their resume, and a list of three professional references to Kenny Haack-Damon at khaack@gbinstitute.org.

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