

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Outdoor Education Instructor
SALARY: \$1,600/month based on experience and qualifications
STATUS: Full time, exempt, seasonal
DURATION: May through early November
ORGANIZATION: Mono Lake Committee
LOCATION: Lee Vining, California
SUPERVISED BY: Outdoor Experiences Program Manager

Two Outdoor Education Instructors work with the Outdoor Experiences Program Manager in the field with the Mono Lake Committee's Outdoor Experiences program (OE). This outdoor education program primarily serves Los Angeles youth of diverse backgrounds and ages (including young adults). The program combines watershed education, experiential education, and muscle-powered recreation to build understanding and appreciation for Mono Lake and the Los Angeles watershed. The Outdoor Education Instructors assist with education program coordination and leadership for group sizes between 10 and 25 participants. Groups vary in composition and include Los Angeles schools and community groups. Eighteen to twenty-two groups participate from late May through early November.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Lead hikes, education programs, team-building activities, and canoe trips on Mono Lake. Hikes may include challenging trails and terrain around Mono Lake or in the high country of the surrounding Mono/Yosemite region.

Assist in guiding and supervising (along with adult chaperones provided by the individual groups) during the 5 day program duration. This may include some overnight camping on-site with groups.

Assist with program site set-up, clean up, kitchen help, and some superficial site maintenance. The program is run at Cain Ranch, a modest residence with basic amenities located 5 miles south of the Mono Lake Committee's headquarters which are in Lee Vining, CA.

Other responsibilities include: interpretive program development and preparation, and leading environmental education programs for school groups participating outside the OE program.

Assisting with various projects at the Mono Lake Committee Office and Information Center & Bookstore in Lee Vining in the event of group cancellations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Strong leadership and communications skills, and the desire to teach natural history and environmental water issues to a young, ethnically, and culturally diverse youth; desire to understand environmental problems from a solution-oriented perspective, past experience working with and/or teaching young people in an outdoor setting.

A car is required for occasional, work-related travel (mileage is reimbursed).

Current CPR, Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder is required.

Final hiring is contingent on fingerprint background check and driving record check. Ability to speak Spanish is a plus, and canoe-paddling experience is helpful.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Mono Lake Committee is a 15,000-member citizens group located in Lee Vining, California. The Committee is dedicated to the permanent protection and restoration of the Mono Basin ecosystem.

The local area is comprised of sagebrush steppe, piñon-juniper, and Jeffrey pine forest communities, 46,000 acres of Mono Lake, numerous 12,000+ ft. Sierra peaks, and plug-dome volcanoes. The Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore is in the town of Lee Vining (pop. 400, elev. 6780'), on the eastern edge of Yosemite National Park near Mono Lake. The town is located adjacent to the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area, and the Ansel Adams and Hoover Wilderness areas. Lee Vining is situated along Hwy 395, 27 miles north of Mammoth Lakes, California and 110 miles south of Carson City, Nevada.

The Outdoor Experience Program position is full-time, exempt, and seasonal, from May through mid-November. Housing is available through the Committee at \$ 175/month (sorry, no pets). Staff receive a discount on merchandise from the Information Center & Bookstore, and get the great benefit of working for a successful environmental non-profit.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

We will accept cover letters and resumes through March 21, 2009. Phone interviews begin well before this date based on applications and interest.

For more information and/or to submit a cover letter and resume: Please contact Santiago Escruceria santiago@monolake.org at the Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541, (760) 647-6595 x 36. For more information, you can also visit www.monolake.org/committee/jobs.htm.