

TITLE: Outdoor Education Instructor
SALARY: \$1,850/month
STATUS: Full time, exempt, seasonal
DURATION: May–November
ORGANIZATION: Mono Lake Committee
LOCATION: Lee Vining, California
SUPERVISED BY: Education Director

The Outdoor Education Instructor works in the field with the Outdoor Experiences Program Manager and Outdoor Education Lead Instructor in 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 Instructor assists with education program coordination and leadership for group sizes between ten and 25 participants. Groups vary in composition and include Los Angeles schools and community groups. Eighteen to 22 groups participate from 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 five-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 the Outdoor Education Center, a modest residence with basic amenities located five 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 when there are group cancellations or gaps in the program schedule.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong leadership and communication 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.
- Experience working with and/or teaching young people in an outdoor setting.
- A car is required. Mileage will be reimbursed for occasional, work-related travel.
- Ability to occasionally lift heavy loads up to 40 pounds.
- Wilderness First Responder certification 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 16,000-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 plant 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. 6,780'), 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 Highway 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 \$200/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 via email through Friday, March 23, 2012. The position remains open until filled.

For more information and/or to submit a cover letter and resume: Please contact Bartshé Miller (bartshe@monolake.org) at the Mono Lake Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541, (760) 647-6595 x 121. For more information, you can also visit www.monolake.org/mlc/jobs.