

Summer 2019

Environmental Education and Stewardship Intern

- **Live and Work in Alaska's Copper River Valley**
- **Assist with Programs including Day Hikes, Overnight Science Camps, and Community Events**
- **Hands-on Experience in all aspects of planning, implementing, and teaching Environmental Education Programs**



"The past few months have been much more than some internship I can sum up on a resume...Life is just different out here, the sense of community is one of the strongest I've ever felt."

Matt Roman, 2018 Intern



- ⇒ Explore Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
- ⇒ Serve as a Mentor to Rural Youth
- ⇒ Work on a Citizen Science Hydrology Study
- ⇒ Hone your Outdoor Leadership Skills
- ⇒ Lodging, Stipend, and Transportation Provided

Intern Job Title: Environmental Education and Stewardship Intern Location: Kenny Lake, Alaska

Description and Goals of Assignment:

The intern will serve a small nonprofit organization in rural Alaska in developing, planning, and implementing outdoor education programs, and assist with scientific research projects. Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment (WISE) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded locally in 2002, with the mission of providing science and environmental education for all ages, resources for learning, and support for scientific research. The location is on the road system in the remote Copper River Valley, near Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. Anchorage is over 200 miles away by road, and the total population of the area is about 2500 year-round residents. The staff is small, so versatility, a can-do attitude and happy personality are essential. The WISE office and staff housing are located 8 miles from the nearest store, so a vehicle is recommended.

WISE's summer programs are designed to provide opportunities for learning, outdoor recreation, skill building, and connection to a sense of place. We seek to instill a stewardship ethic by sharing the wonders of the place we call home. In addition to learning about the local environment, youth are mentored in outdoor skills including map and compass use, safety, and

Intern Responsibilities:

Shadowing, Co-Teaching, Teaching (20%): Shadow and co-teach (under the supervision of a supervisor) full-day and overnight programs; co-lead hikes; work with a mentor to evaluate teaching methods; solo lead or teach once approved by a supervisor.

Citizen Science and Stewardship (20%): aid Willow Creek Research Project in stream surveys.

Curriculum Development (15%): Assist supervisor with the development of lesson plans that could be used with youth, family, and/or adult programs; assist with creation and maintenance of educational materials.

Independent Project (15%): Complete an independent project of the intern's choice related to natural history, environmental education, stewardship, citizen science, or the operations of one of our partner organizations. Topics are flexible based upon the requirements of the intern's degree program. The project should be approved by the supervisor and submitted to WISE upon completion and related to the intern's degree program.

Logistics and Planning (20%): Aid WISE staff in planning, gear maintenance, and logistics for programs.

Training and Evaluation (5%): Attend summer staff training and intern-specific training. Participate in program debrief meetings, weekly check-ins with supervisor, end-of season debrief and exit interview; participate in peer observations and feedback.

Administration and Operations (5%): Assist with facilities operations and administrative tasks.

Intern Qualifications:

Required:

- Enthusiasm for mission of WISE
- Student or recent graduate at a university or college
- Coursework in environmental education, natural sciences, or outdoor studies
- Experience in camping, hiking, and outdoor recreation.
- Enthusiasm and skills for working with youth
- Ability to hike four miles with a backpack
- American Red Cross First Aid/CPR certification
- Pass pre-employment background check
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office
- Valid driver's license

Preferred:

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder
- Experience living in a rural community
- Experience teaching environmental or outdoor education
- Ability to complete the full term of the internship

Compensation: Travel reimbursement of up to \$250 each way. Stipend of \$150 per week. Lodging will be provided free of charge. Airport to site transportation will be provided if needed.

Dates and Work Schedule: Start late May/ early June 2019, end late August. Intern should be available for at least 10 weeks. Full term of internship is 12 weeks. This is a full-time position with occasional nights, weekends, and holiday work.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due by the end of the day on March 30, 2019.

To Apply:

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and the names of three references with current contact information to: Robin Mayo, Executive Director
Email: robin@wise-edu.org
Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment
HC 60 Box 338A
Copper Center, AK 99573 (907) 822-3575

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