

Naturalist/Tour Guide Part Time Position

WISE is looking for local residents to help lead our “Copper Country Discovery Tour” and “Field Sketching and Watercolor Tour” for the summer of 2022. This is a part-time position working an estimate of 20 hours per week from Mid-May until Mid-September.



The Copper Country Discovery Tour was established in 2008, and currently serves about 400 guests per season with a 4 hour driving and walking tour focused on introducing guests to the natural wonders of the Copper River Valley. In 2016 we added the Field Sketching and Watercolor Tour, a 2-hour experience for all ages and skill levels that introduces techniques for capturing experiences through easy, no talent required creative projects. Both offerings serve primarily guests at the Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge.



The Naturalist/Guide is responsible for the safety, comfort, and education of groups of 2 to 10 guests. Duties include cleaning and routine servicing of vehicles, driving guests in our vans, providing interpretive narrative on topics including local lifestyles, geology, botany, wildlife, and history, and taking responsibility for the safety of the group. Stops include Pipeline viewpoint, Willow Lake, and Wellwood Nature Preserve, where guests are led on a 1-mile round trip easy hike, and visit a rustic camp to view a collection of mammal skins and skulls.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Enthusiasm for WISE’s mission of providing science and environmental education, supporting scientific research, and sharing the natural wonders of Alaska’s Copper River Valley
- Keen interest and basic knowledge in nature, history, and local lore
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule
- Ability to walk two miles with a light backpack
- American Red Cross First Aid/CPR certification
- Pass pre-employment background check
- Valid driver’s license, clean driving record, and must be at least 21 years old.

Preferred:

- Experience in customer service, interpretation and/or guiding
- Experience living in the Copper River Basin, especially in winter
- Outgoing personality, patience, and enthusiasm for working with visitors

Compensation: \$17-20 an hour depending upon experience. If extensive training is required \$12/hour for training.

To Apply: Send letter of interest, resume, and 3 references to: WISE HC60 Box 338A Copper Center, AK 99573 or contact@wise-edu.org

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