



WISE provides science and environmental education, supports scientific research, and shares the natural wonders of the Copper River Valley.

Environmental Education and Stewardship Program Assistant

Location: Kenny Lake, Alaska

Description and Goals of Assignment:

The Intern will serve a small nonprofit organization in rural Alaska in as they build skills in developing, planning, and implementing outdoor education programs. Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment (WISE) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded locally in 2002, and provides transformative experiences in science and environmental education.

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 willingness to learn new skills are essential. We provide a variety of programs over the summer and travel throughout the region, so there are many opportunities for growth, learning, and adventure.



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, our programs teach science, observation, stewardship, leadership, and self-reliance.

Job Responsibilities:

Shadowing, Co-Teaching, Teaching (35%): Shadow and co-teach (under the supervision of a supervisor) day and overnight programs; co-lead hikes; work with a mentor to evaluate teaching methods; solo lead or teach once approved by a supervisor.

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.

Logistics and Planning (35%): 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 (10%): Assist with facilities operations and administrative tasks.

If desired, this position can be configured as an internship, with the possibility of earning college credit.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Enthusiasm for WISE’s mission
- Keen interest or course work 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:

- First Aid/CPR, Wilderness First Aid, or equivalent certification
- Experience living in a rural community
- Experience teaching environmental or outdoor education programs
- Ability to complete the full term of the position

Compensation: \$16-18 per hour, depending on experience. Housing available. Meals are provided on multi-day programs.

Dates and Work Schedule: Start late May/ early June 2023, end mid August 2023. Applicant should be available for at least 10 weeks. Full or part time position with occasional nights, weekends, and holiday work.

To learn more about WISE, please visit www.wise-edu.org. Applicants are encouraged to contact us before applying to ask questions or learn more about this opportunity.

To Apply:

Please send a **letter of interest, resume, and the names of three references** with current contact information to:

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