

2018 Lead Science Educator

Alaska Geographic at the Murie Science and Learning Center
Denali National Park & Preserve



If you enjoy having the wilderness as your classroom and can create meaningful connections for visitors to Denali's amazing ecosystems, Alaska Geographic is looking for you!

Alaska Geographic partners with the National Park Service to offer education programs and visitor services through the Murie Science and Learning Center in Denali National Park and Preserve. Denali is a six million acre wilderness recognized primarily for its large mammals. Denali also hosts an incredible diversity of subarctic plants and migratory birds, as well as unique geologic formations, glacial features, and North America's highest peak, Denali. The spectacular mountain scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities draw thousands of visitors each summer.

The Murie Science and Learning Center provides a stimulating and nurturing environment that is dedicated to introducing visitors to Denali's fascinating and unique ecosystems. Alaska Geographic is currently seeking an experienced educator to join our 2018 team as a lead science educator. In addition to the standard duties of science educators, this position will also coordinate and co-instruct the Denali Summer Science Academy, a four day youth camp where high school students explore Denali's wilderness and work alongside park scientists.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Deliver high quality interpretive presentations to tour groups visiting Denali including bus excursions, dinner presentations, interpretive talks, and other custom education programs.
- Work with a national park service co-instructor to lead 3 sessions of a four day overnight youth camp that introduces youth to Denali's wilderness and park science.
- Assist with preparations for seasonal staff training (this position will start a month before other staff).
- Assist with equipment maintenance, facility projects, and program support/development as assigned.
- Provide quality customer service and informal science education while staffing MSLC exhibit area.

Desired Qualifications Include:

- Naturalist or science/environmental education experience working with high school aged youth.
- Excellent public presentation skills.
- Proven group management skills in an outdoor setting.
- Current Wilderness First Responder certification.
- Ability to work well with a diverse schedule and a high degree of responsibility.
- Positive and upbeat attitude in a fast paced work environment with a demanding schedule.
- Knowledge of wildlife research and natural history of the subarctic.
- Experience with computers and common office software programs.
- Must have valid driver's license with 5 years driving experience and good driving record.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. (we do not sponsor employment visas).

Benefits:

- Work with a dynamic team dedicated to science and education.
- Learn from and work with researchers in Denali.
- Live, work, learn, and play in a spectacular wilderness setting!
- Flexibility in schedule to allow for occasional long weekends.
- Competitive pay.
- On-campus housing may be available.

The season begins in early April and ends in September. To learn more about our programs and operation, visit our websites at www.akgeo.org and www.nps.gov/rlc/murie/index.htm.

To Apply

Email a letter of interest, a resume, and contact information for 3 references to mssljobs@alaskageographic.org
Application deadline is January 15, 2018.