



2020 Documentarian and Assistant Field Leader

Alaska Geographic – Anchorage Education

Job Title: Documentarian and Assistant Field Leader

Job Overview:

Alaska Geographic is looking for people who are passionate about the outdoors and have experience leading backcountry programs. Our field leaders work with young people and adults from a variety of backgrounds on multi-day backcountry expeditions and introduce them to a lifetime of stewardship to Alaska's public lands.

Our Chugach Forest Conservation Crews (CFCC) take Alaskan high school students backpacking and/or kayaking in remote areas of the Chugach National Forest to learn about conservation, leadership, and gain new outdoor skills. All programs participate in conservation work projects in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Ensure the physical and emotional safety of participants for duration of the program.
- Document the program through photographs, videos, and participant interviews. High end photo and video equipment is provided by Alaska Geographic.
- Assist with equipment maintenance, facility projects, and program support/development as assigned.
- Co-manage program logistics including meal planning, food purchasing, and gear organization.
- Hypothermia management: the areas that Alaska Geographic operates programs in are cold, remote, and can rain for the duration of the program.
- Teach and follow bear safety and best wildlife management practices
 - This included use of bear cans and bear fence.
- Teach and exemplify leave-no-trace ethics, safe hiking and guiding standards, Alaska Geographic policies and guidelines, and environmental stewardship.

Desired Qualification:

- One year of experience leading or working on a multi-day backcountry trail crew. Preference given to those with experience in Alaska.
- Some experience with photography, videography, and DSLR shooting platform.
- Hold a current Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid certificate.
- Ability to work well with a diverse schedule and a high degree of responsibility.
- Proven group management skills in an outdoor setting.
- Experience with hypothermia management and the ability to instruct participants on how to stay warm and dry.
- Ability to handle tools safely. Preference given those with conservation and/or trail building experience.

- Must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. (we do not sponsor employment visas)

Position Dates:

- The season begins in mid-May and ends in late August. Beyond the dates listed below, there are opportunities to work supporting other programs and operations out of the Anchorage Office.
 - Staff Training May 26-28
 - CFCC Seward District May 28-June 14
 - Marine Science Expedition June 6-June 14
 - Denali Backpacking Crew High School June 19-28
 - CFCC Glacier June 20-July 3 (sea kayaking required)
 - CFCC Cordova June 30-July 21
 - Denali Backpacking Crew UAA Aug 14-23

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator, Anchorage Office

Leadership or Supervisory Duties:

- Assist in instructing and managing a group of 12 high school students who are new to the outdoors.
- Work cooperatively on a team of 2-3 field leaders.
- Co-lead conservation or trail work projects in conjunction with field leader team and U.S. Forest Service, volunteers, or other agency partners.

Criminal Background Check:

- All Alaska Geographic employees must pass a criminal background check.

Work Location:

- Anchorage, Whittier, Prince William Sound, Seward, Chugach National Forest

Alaska Geographic is an equal opportunity employer.

How to Apply:

- To find out more about available positions or to apply, send a resumé and cover letter to William Melton at wmelton@akgeo.org or call 907-771-8466 for more information. To learn more about our programs and operation, visit our websites at www.akgeo.org

Closing Date for Applications: April 3, 2020

Starting Date: May 23, 2020