



2020 Sea Kayak Field Leader

Alaska Geographic – Anchorage Education

If you enjoy having the wilderness as your classroom and can create meaningful connections to those visiting Alaska’s amazing public lands, Alaska Geographic is looking for you!

Job Title: Sea Kayak 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 Kayak Expeditions take Alaskan high school students and teachers into remote parts of Prince William Sound 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 the duration of the program.
- Manage program logistics including meal planning, food purchasing, transportation, and gear organization.
- Train participants in technical conservation work skills and ensure successful and timely completion of work projects in coordination with agency partners.
- 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.
- Assist with equipment maintenance, facility projects, and program support/development as assigned.

Desired Qualifications:

- One year+ professional multi-day sea kayaking guiding experience. Preference given to those with experience in Prince William Sound, Seward, or Kenai Fjords areas.
- Practiced ability to manage groups on and off the water.
- Practiced ability to execute kayak rescues.
 - These include but are not limited to wet exit, self-recovery, and assisted rescue (t or X rescue).

- Hold a current Wilderness First Responder (preference) or Wilderness First Aid certificate.
- Experience monitoring and predicting marine weather patterns.
- 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 manage worksite safely and give instructions on the safe handling of trail building tools. 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)

Leadership or Supervisory Duties:

- Manage and instruct a group of 12 high school students or adults new to the outdoors.
- Work cooperatively on a team of 2-3 field leaders.
- Act as senior authority on all water-based activities including kayaking, rout planning, and weather monitoring.
- Co-lead conservation or trail work projects in conjunction with field leader team and U.S. Forest Service.

Position Dates:

- The season begins in late May and ends in August. Beyond the dates listed below, there are opportunities to work on or in support of other programs and operations.
 - Staff training May 23-24
 - Exploring PWS Teachers Course June 2-10
 - Marine Science Expedition June 6-June 14
 - CFCC Glacier June 20-July 3

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator, Anchorage Office

Criminal Background Check:

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

Motor Vehicle Record:

- Must have valid driver's license with 5 years driving experience and good driving record. In order to operate a vehicle on the job the applicant must pass a driving background check, as dictated by our insurance provider.

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 or CV 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