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SCIENCE EDUCATOR

POSITION TYPE: Seasonal, full time or part time

REPORTS TO: Denali Program Coordinator

LOCATION: Murie Science & Learning Center in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

PAY: \$22-26/hour

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POSITION OVERVIEW

Alaska Geographic is currently seeking experienced educators who enjoy having the wilderness as their classroom and can create meaningful connections for visitors to Denali's unique ecosystems.

Alaska Geographic is the official non-profit cooperating association partner to Alaska's National Park Service. Together, we provide educational programs and visitor services through the Murie Science and Learning Center (MSLC) in Denali National Park and Preserve. The MSLC is a cooperative effort of partners supporting education and research efforts in Alaska's northern parks and public lands. Alaska Geographic supports the mission of the MSLC through a wide variety of education programs for all audiences. **Our focus is to disseminate science through compelling and hands-on education offerings.**

AK Geo offers presentations for tour groups, guided excursions into the park, visitor services and programs at the MSLC, and accredited multi-day field courses. We primarily serve adult visitors and local adults pursuing continued education opportunities within the park, with some youth programming as well.

The primary responsibility of Science Educators is the delivery of informative and engaging science-based programs that will leave visitors with a lasting connection to Denali and an appreciation of scientific research in the park.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

These responsibilities and duties will be divided among multiple educators

- Provide interpretive and educational natural history programs within Denali National Park & Preserve
 - Create cohesive, thematic, and engaging science-based content including information on park research and Denali's unique ecosystems.
 - Develop and facilitate engaging 1-hour presentations about science in Denali to tour groups of diverse audiences. Many presentations include a food service component.



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- Develop and facilitate engaging curriculum about science in Denali to tour groups of diverse audiences on a 9-hour bus tour along Denali Park Road.
- Utilize a variety of teaching styles and techniques to engage a diverse audience in a dynamic setting for up to nine hours.
- Develop and facilitate interpretive tables in high-traffic areas providing education to visitors.

- Facilitate [multi-day field courses](#)
 - Coordinate with the guest instructors (scientists, park staff, etc.) to plan materials, instruction, and itineraries for each program.
 - Provide support to the guest instructor throughout the course with the daily schedule, camp management, risk management oversight, and general logistics.
 - Provide engaging, hands-on science education specific to Denali for diverse audiences.
 - Drive 12 passenger sprinter van on the park road (narrow, mostly gravel).
 - Clearly communicate safety protocols to participants, maintain safe practices following the scope of the AK Geo risk management policies, and respond to incidents and emergencies if they arise.
 - Foster teamwork, a cohesive community, and positive group morale.

POSITION DETAILS:

We understand that no one person possesses all of these skills and experience. If you are enthusiastic about the position, we encourage you to apply.

- Experience in formal or informal education required, with a strong preference given to local candidates and those with a science education background.
- Season runs from May 19–mid September, start and end dates are flexible with clear communication.
- A typical work week will be 30-40 hours per week for full-time employees, with schedules and hours varying depending on program bookings and partner needs. Schedules will also vary for educators leading 3-day field courses.
- Housing provided within the park at \$50-60/paycheck.
- Pro Deals on outdoor brands, flexible uniform ordering, and 15% discount on AK Geo products.
- \$500 season completion bonus.
- Must be enthusiastic about living, working, and recreating in a remote location within Denali National Park for the summer!
- CPR/First Aid required, can be obtained upon hiring.
- Must be 21+ years of age with a valid driver's license and 5 years driving experience and a good driving record.



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- All employees must be fingerprinted, submit a federal background check, and receive clearance from the Department of the Interior.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the U.S.

WHO WE ARE

Since 1959, Alaska Geographic (AK Geo) has been the official nonprofit education partner to Alaska's public lands. We currently partner with Alaska's National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, BLM Public Lands, and State Parks. We create and deliver exceptional education programs and products through collaboration with public land agencies. We extend the visitor experience by providing lasting mementos that facilitate opportunities for emotional and intellectual connections between public land resources and visitors. We support education programs and interpretive store sales, raise funding for youth programs, stewardship projects, and arts and education programs. Together with our public land partners, we are dedicated to sharing Alaska's rich natural and cultural heritage. We envision inspired people experiencing, supporting, and protecting Alaska's national parks, forests, refuges, and conservation lands for generations to come.

For more information about Alaska Geographic, visit our website at akgeo.org

Alaska Geographic is an equal opportunity employer.

This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked to perform other duties as needed for essential program functions. You will be evaluated in part based on your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. Management has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.