



Wolf Ridge Summer Naturalist Job Description

Dates of Employment

June 8 - August 16, 2008 (actual dates may vary depending on program enrollment and individual responsibilities)

Qualifications:

- 21 years minimum age, preference given for Bachelor's degree.
- Eager to teach a wide variety of audiences, share a love of nature and foster and awareness of and value for the outdoor world.
- Current First Aid, CPR, and Life guarding certifications. (Trip leading requires a minimum level of Wilderness First Aid)
- At least one year experience teaching environmental and/or outdoor education. Trip leading requires prior trip leading/participation experience.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as role model for students: display maturity, responsibility, flexibility, enthusiasm, and sound judgment.
- Teach Wolf Ridge summer program classes to diverse audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Summer programs include Wolf Ridge Summer Youth Program, Elderhostel's, family vacations, visiting summer school programs, Wilderness Trips for teens and families, and camps in residence.
- Teach/work 10-14 periods per week. A period may include 3-hour long daytime classes, liaison responsibilities (coordinating a stay for visitors), van driving, evening naturalist presentations, 1.5-hour long evening activities, and astronomy. Other projects may be substituted for teaching when necessary to fill out the work week.
- Participate in staff training and orientation
- Be flexible to accommodate the needs of different programs.
- Understand and adhere to all Wolf Ridge policies.

Additional Wilderness Trip leader responsibilities (if applicable):

- Plan appropriate trip routes, itineraries, packing needs, and menus
- Prepare lessons, gather necessary teaching materials, and deliver trail classes while on trail
- Lead/ co-lead teen/family wilderness trips that incorporate environmental education, sound wilderness judgment, and a high standard for participant safety.
- Act as guardian for teen campers while Explorer programs are in session, including sleeping in same room as campers while they are at Wolf Ridge (applies to same gender).

Compensation:

- \$265.00 per week. (There may be one week of mandatory unpaid vacation during the summer if enrollment in programs is low)
- Private room in staff apartment, shared kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities.
- Meals when program is in session.

To Apply

For more information about the position, please contact Jenny Bushmaker at 218-353-7414 or summercamp@wolf-ridge.org For application materials, please visit our website at www.wolf-ridge.org