Naturalist – Wynn Nature Center (Summer 2020)

As a Naturalist at the Wynn Nature Center during the Summer Season impart knowledge and a sense of stewardship with visitors and groups from around the world as they visit this 145-acre boreal forest preserve on the ridge above Homer, Alaska. Lead interpretive hikes and activities for diverse groups, develop and lead educational programs for children of all ages, and share new discoveries through blogging and social media. Assist with training and coaching of interns and volunteers and perform routine maintenance of facilities and trails. Requires relevant knowledge base in forest ecology and botany, experience as an instructor, educator, or interpreter, and ability to maintain positivity and patience when working with visitors, participants, and volunteers. Alaska or similar experience preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Keep the Wynn Nature Center open daily for visitors from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Lead daily 1-2 hour natural history tours at the Wynn Nature Center showcasing local flora and fauna
- Develop and ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning environment for youth groups and children's programs
- Greet visitors, orient them to the center and grounds, collect trail use fees, and sell promotional items
- Perform routine facility cleaning and trail maintenance and maintain CACS educational supplies and kits
- Lead programs with special groups and weekly community programs
- Develop natural history interpretive displays for inside Wynn Nature Center cabin
- Drive the CACS 12 passenger van when needed to transport program participants
- Participate in citizen science monitoring projects
- Help maintain and promote the Wynn People's Garden
- Assist with one CACS residential summer camp. This includes implementation of programming, meal planning and preparation, chaperoning of participants, organization and preparation of supplies, and submitting written feedback on the camp
- Mentor interns, including shadowing programs and providing constructive criticism
- Work with and train CACS high school interns and volunteers
- Perform administrative tasks, including education program data entry and cataloging of photos
- Contribute to social media and blogging projects
- Correspond respectfully with participants, parents, staff and volunteers
- Submit written feedback on programs
- Lead day programs in Homer as necessary, community programs in Homer as necessary, including pre-school story hour at the Homer Public Library and presentations at the Homer Senior Center
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects

Position runs from May 25–September 7, 2020. $12-$13/ hour, DOE. Housing is provided.

Contact Seth Spencer: jobs@akcoastalstudies.org or 907-235-6714 for more information

To Apply: please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to jobs@akcoastalstudies.org by January 17th, 2020.

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