



Talkeetna Discovery Camp Instructor-In-Training

Position Description

Job Duration: Training: July 4-5. Camp dates: July 8-12 and July 15-19.

Reports to: *Youth Programs Manager*

Overview:

Talkeetna Discovery Camp is a week-long environmental education program that aims to inspire, awe, and engage youth with the outdoors. Through hikes, science, art, and just plain fun, campers will be immersed in the natural world, exploring with their peers, and fostering respect and love for their surroundings. We are looking for enthusiastic high school students, or college aged students with an interest in outdoor education, to serve as Instructors-In-Training.

This position is a great opportunity to stay involved with Talkeetna Discovery Camp after being a camper and puts you on track to become a full instructor after high school. You will gain meaningful leadership experience, while putting the skills you have developed into practice on a daily basis. Become a role model for younger campers!

Position Responsibilities:

Instructors-In-Training will assist Instructors with leading educational hikes, engaging hands-on learning activities, and discovering all the fun that Talkeetna has to offer. Regular duties include:

- Work collaboratively with two lead camp instructors to co-teach and co-supervise up to 11 youth in an outdoor setting for at least six hours per day, five days in a row, for two consecutive weeks.
- Help campers to explore and connect with the natural world around them by assisting with facilitating hands-on environmental learning activities that are educational, fun, age-appropriate, safe, and promote and adhere to Leave No Trace principles.
- Follow and enforce risk-management protocols as outlined by NPS, DEC, and State and Federal agencies.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age 14 years old.
- Enthusiasm for exploring the outdoors and working with children.
- A positive attitude and desire to learn from and work collaboratively with lead instructors.
- Current CPR/First Aid certification or ability to obtain is required.

Preferred Knowledge and Skills

- Familiarity with Talkeetna and the surrounding area
- Previous experience with Talkeetna Discovery Camp as a camper
- Experience caring for and/or teaching children

Benefits:

Salary is dependent on experience and length of availability. Salary starts at \$400/week.

Disclaimer:

This position description reflects the Denali Education Center's best effort to describe the essential functions and qualifications of this job. It is not an exhaustive statement of duties, responsibilities, and qualifications, nor a contract.

To Apply: Email a letter of interest and resume to Shannon Conway at youth@denali.org.