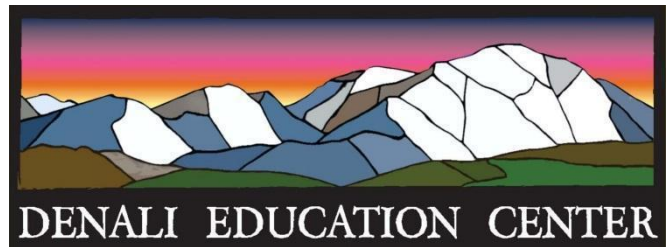


# Talkeetna Discovery Camp Instructor

## Position Description



**Job Duration:** Training/Prep: July 4-5.

**Camp:** July 8 - Aug 9, 2023 \*No camp during week of July 22\*

**Reports to:** Youth Programs Manager

### Overview:

Talkeetna Discovery Camp (TDC) is a week-long program taking inspiration from both Denali Discovery Camp and Wild Wonders (offered by Northern Susitna Institute in the past). TDC aims to inspire awe and exploration in young people through hikes, science, art, and just plain fun. We are seeking enthusiastic instructors who are passionate about getting kids outdoors to explore nature's classroom.

Each week of camp will run one age group:

- Boreal Scouts (1st-2nd grade): July 8-12
- Bedrock Detectives (3rd-4th grade): July 15-19
- Susitna Explorers (5th-6th grade): July 29 - August 2
- Mountain Voyagers (7th -8th grade): August 5-9

### Position Responsibilities:

Instructors will assist with leading educational hikes, creating engaging hands-on learning activities, and managing groups during activities facilitated by community partners. Regular duties include:

- Work collaboratively with co-instructor
- Mentor and support a high school aged Instructor-in-Training
- Attend a mandatory full-day instructor training course on July 4-5.
- Instruct for all four weeks of TDC from 8:30 am to 4pm each day
- Supervise up to 11 youth in indoor and outdoor settings
- Create and facilitate hands-on environmental learning activities that are age-appropriate
- Facilitate and guide campers between and during various indoor and outdoor activities
- Bring campers to different locations around Talkeetna for "field trip" activities
- Follow and enforce COVID protocols as outlined by NPS, DEC, and State and Federal agencies
- Create a safe learning environment for campers to explore and connect with the natural world around them

### Qualifications:

- Enjoy and have experience working with youth ages 6-13.
- Enthusiasm for exploring the outdoors
- Naturalist/Environmental Education experience preferred
- Knowledge of Talkeetna and the surrounding area preferred
- A positive attitude
- Current CPR/First Aid certification (Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid preferred) or ability to obtain
- Preference will be given to candidates aged 23 and older with a valid driver's license, and comfort driving a 15-passenger van.

### Benefits:

Salary is dependent on experience and starts from \$700/week.  
Shared housing may be available.

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**To Apply:** Email a letter of interest and resume to Shannon Conway, [youth@denali.org](mailto:youth@denali.org)