



# SEASONAL FALL NATURALIST

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Great Basin Outdoor School's (GBOS) Seasonal Fall Naturalist position includes working as an educator at three of our programs: Overnight Science Camp at Galilee, Day Field Trips at Galena Creek & Spooner Lake, and our Fall Break Adventure Day Camp. Naturalists are supported by the Education Director on site during this time.

Our Overnight Science Camp at Galilee is an opportunity for naturalists to teach local ecology and standardized science to school groups along the shores of Lake Tahoe, as well as other local sites. Naturalists present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, and water, wildlife and forest ecology during 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day overnight science camps. Most students are enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are divided into trail groups of about 12. Enjoy panoramic views of Lake Tahoe from staff lodging and delicious meals prepared by the Galilee staff, all while spending plenty of time outdoors!

The Fall Day Field Trips are mini versions of our overnight trips that take place at Galena Creek or Spooner Lake State Park. Students go on a short hike with their naturalist trail group while stopping to perform engaging activities and observe the natural environment surrounding them.

Fall Day Camp is held at The River School Farm in Reno. Offered to children in grades 1-6, Day Camp is an opportunity for participants to have fun outdoors, interact with science, and learn to appreciate nature. Naturalists work approximately 8:30 am to 4:30/5pm M-F during program as teachers, leading a group of up to 10 children.

## FALL DATES

**9/6 - 9/10:** Overnight Science Camp Training at Galilee, Lake Tahoe

**9/13:** Staff training at Galena Creek

**9/14 – 9/17:** Day Field Trips (tentative)

**9/21 – 9/24:** Overnight science camp at Galilee

**9/27 – 9/28:** Fall Break Adventure Day Camp staff training

**9/29 - 10/1:** Day Field Trips

**10/4 - 10/8:** Fall Break Adventure Day Camp

**10/12 – 10/15:** Overnight Science Camp at Galilee

**10/19 – 10/21:** Overnight Science Camp at Galilee

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Possess a bachelor's degree, preferably in the natural sciences or education.
- One year of experience teaching environmental education or science preferred.
- One year of experience working directly with children in an educational setting.
- Hold current CPR & First Aid certificate by the start date.
- Ability to pass a federal background check.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Plan and present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, and water, wildlife, and forest ecology, based on GBOS curriculum and state and national educational standards.
- Integrate other subject areas, group process and individual growth, and commitment to responsible use and protection of the environment.
- Ensure and maintain appropriate student behavior by stating clear expectations and consequences, in accordance with GBOS discipline policies.
- Coordinate and participate in whole group activities, such as sharing, skits, meals, and opening/closing circles.
- Ensure the health, welfare, and safety of students, parents, guest presenters, River School Farm & Galilee inhabitants including plants & animals, volunteers, and other staff.
- Respond appropriately in a crisis and problem-solve under pressure.
- Work and communicate effectively as a team member with other naturalists & GBOS staff, parents, volunteers, guest presenters, River School Farm & Galilee inhabitants, and students to enhance the program and to empower students.
- Ability to use program equipment.
- Ability to communicate orally with and provide necessary instructions to students, parents, volunteers, other staff, and guest presenters.
- Ability to traverse uneven and difficult terrain.
- Ability to work long hours outdoors while being active & energetic.
- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds.

## **EMPLOYMENT DETAILS**

Naturalists are exempt, at-will employees of GBOS, and are supervised by the Education Director on site. GBOS reserves the right to revise or change job duties as the need arises.

Future work opportunities: Upon successful completion of our Fall Programs, naturalist may be invited to work at future events and education programs this Winter, Spring and Summer.

## **COMPENSATION**

Overnight Science Camp at Galilee & Training Stipend: \$130/ day

Day Camp Stipend: \$120/ day.

Day Camp Training days & Day Field Trips are paid hourly at \$12/ hr.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please send a cover letter, CV or resume, and the email & phone number of three professional references to our Program Director at: [program@greatbasin-os.org](mailto:program@greatbasin-os.org)