



NOW HIRING: Seasonal Winter Naturalist

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Great Basin Outdoor School's (GBOS) Seasonal Winter Naturalist position includes working as an educator at three of our programs: Overnight Science Camp, Snow School Field Trips, and Adventure Day Camp. Naturalists are supported by the on-site Director. The winter season runs from late December through late March with the option to continue teaching during the spring and summer seasons.

Our Overnight Science Camp at Camp Galilee is an opportunity for naturalists to teach local ecology and science to school groups of 4th-6th graders along the shore of Lake Tahoe. Naturalists present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in astronomy, winter safety, winter ecology, and snow science during 2-day and 3-day overnight camps. Enjoy panoramic views of Lake Tahoe from staff lodging and delicious meals prepared by the Galilee staff, all while spending plenty of time outdoors! Snow School Field Trips take place on Mt. Rose and also focus on winter safety, winter ecology, and snow science. Students go on a snowshoe hike with their naturalist trail group while stopping to perform engaging activities and observe the natural environment surrounding them. Adventure Day Camp is held at The River School Farm in Reno. For children ages 6-12, Day Camp is an opportunity for participants to have fun outdoors, interact with science, and learn to appreciate nature.

WINTER DATES*

December 23-24: Winter Day Camp Training
 December 27-30: Winter Adventure Day Camp
 January 4-7: OFF
 January 10-13: Overnight Camp Training
 January 18-21: Overnight Science Camp
 January 24: Snow School Training
 January 25-28: Snow School Field Trips
 January 31-February 3: Overnight Camps
 February 7-10: Overnight Camps
 February 14-18: Snow School Field Trips
 February 21-25: Snow School Field Trips
 February 28 - March 4: OFF
 March 8-10: Spring Day Camp Training
 March 14-18: Spring Adventure Day Camp
 March 21-25: Spring Adventure Day Camp

*Dates are not guaranteed and are subject to school bookings. Naturalists can expect to work 3-4 days during program weeks. There may be opportunities outside of the dates listed above to work more hours assisting the Education & Day Camp Director with program preparation and general GBOS tasks.

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
- Ability to pass a federal background check

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Plan and present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, water, wildlife, and forest ecology based on GBOS curriculum and state educational standards
- Integrate other subject areas, group process, individual growth, and commitment to responsible use and protection of the environment
- Ensure and maintain appropriate student behavior by setting 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 all participants including students, parents, guest presenters, volunteers, etc.
- Respond appropriately in a crisis and problem-solve under pressure
- Work and communicate effectively as a team member with other GBOS staff, parents, volunteers, guest presenters, volunteers, etc.
- Ability to use program equipment and materials responsibly
- 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 up to 50 pounds

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

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

Future Work Opportunities: Upon successful completion of our Winter Programs, naturalists may be invited to work at future events and education programs in the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons

COMPENSATION

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

Day Camp Stipend: \$120/day

Day Camp Training & Snow School Field Trips are paid hourly at \$12/hr

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please send a cover letter, CV/resume, and the emails and phone numbers of three professional references to the on-site Director at: education@greatbasin-os.org