



Inspiring, empowering, and transforming children's lives through outdoor education

Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools at Pigeon Point
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POSITION: Naturalist
LOCATION: Exploring New Horizons at Pigeon Point, in Pescadero, CA
STATUS: \$14.50 per hour and overtime pay per day, approximately 35 hours per week
SUPERVISOR: Program Director
BENEFITS: Wellness stipend
HOURS: Approx. 35 hours per week (September 10, 2018 through June 2019)

WHAT IS EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS?

Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools at Pigeon Point is one of three Outdoor education programs run by Exploring New Horizons (ENH). ENH provides exceptional outdoor residential education to K-8 students at three unique locations through a rich and relevant curriculum tied to state and national education standards. Serving over 8,000 students from 95 schools annually from the SF Bay area and the Central Coast, ENH offers customized programs at our three campuses: Pigeon Point, Loma Mar and Sempervirens. The Pigeon Point program primarily offers 3-day programs for 5th and 6th grade students, but includes single day field trips all the way up to 5-day programs and works with students K-8th grade.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

ENH is committed to educating and empowering children to make thoughtful, conscious, and sustainable choices for themselves and the environment. By providing children rich educational opportunities to safely explore the natural, un-plugged world, our naturalists foster a sense of adventure and love of learning while encouraging children to creatively envision and work together towards a positive future. Naturalists work with the same small group of 15–22 students throughout each week to engage children with an exceptional outdoor curriculum and intentional team-building exercises. Naturalists are responsible for the development of trail activities and curriculum, assisting with evening programs and program implementation. The skilled naturalist is the first in line to monitor the health and safety of students within the program.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teaching Groups:

- Develop lessons that incorporate activities demonstrating basic ecological concepts, group and self-esteem building and development of citizenship skills. Strategies include hands-on explorations, dramatics, nature games, and creative writing.
- Monitor the implementation of Exploring New Horizons risk and safety procedures in the field setting.

- Manage and care for all Exploring New Horizons field equipment.
- Naturalists usually work with the same trail group for the entire week. This provides curricular continuity and consistency for each group and allows naturalists to more effectively meet the behavioral and learning needs of their students.
- Support the development of positive group learning and team environment. Introduce team building opportunities to encourage positive communication, leadership and individual development.
- Naturalists are responsible for maintaining positive relationships within the Pigeon Point staff, as well as with students, teachers, and parent chaperones.

Evening Programs:

- Pigeon Point naturalists conduct evening programs, which include an elephant seal puppet show and an informational tidepool slideshow. In addition, naturalists may be responsible for campfire programs that include songs, skits, and stories. Staff members are required to be on-call one night per program.

Additional Duties (conduct the following duties once or twice each week):

- Naturalists, with the assistance of parent chaperones, are responsible for facilitating a group of students through the process of cooking meals for the class. Naturalists also lead the students in all aspects of meal set up, serving, and clean up.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Prior experience working with school aged students
- At minimum, a Bachelor's degree, preferably in Education, Environmental Science or Life Science
- Able to work a flexible schedule, evenings and weekends included
- Ability to move through a variety of terrains, including flat, rocky and mountainous terrain. Capacity to be on ones feet for a minimum of 6 hours a day, and hike 2-4 miles.
- Capability to work in a variety of temperature and weather conditions.
- Ability to see and respond to written, auditory and verbal commands.
- Ability to carry 15 pounds.
- Possess a valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- All staff must possess a current Standard First Aid and CPR certificate prior to employment.
- Successfully complete Food Handlers certification.
- Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aide is encouraged.
- All Naturalists must be TB tested before employment.

To apply: Start date is September 10, 2018, and the position will remain posted until filled. Send cover letter and resume to: Heidi Plowe at heidi@exploringnewhorizons.org. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.exploringnewhorizons.org/>.

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