



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

Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools at Pigeon Point.

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LOCATION:

STATUS:

SUPERVISOR:

BENEFITS:

HOURS:

Naturalist

Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools at Pigeon Point.

\$13.50 - \$14.50 per hour depending on experience and qualifications.

Pigeon Point Program Director

Wellness Stipend included during months employed.

Day 1 (Mon. or Wed.): 8:30 am – 9:00 pm

Day 2 (Tue. or Thu.) 7:00 am – 3:30 pm; 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Day 3 (Wed. or Fri.): 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

One overnight stay “on call” at the Pigeon Point Hostel per 3-day program compensated \$25 for on-call night

WHAT IS EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS?

Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Schools in Loma Mar is one of three Outdoor education programs run by Exploring New Horizons. Exploring New Horizons 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, Exploring New Horizons 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:

Exploring New Horizons 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. Naturalist teams work with single classrooms per program session of 15-40 students per group, with individual naturalist trail groups of 10–20 students throughout each week to engage children with an exceptional outdoor curriculum. 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:

Naturalists conduct daily discovery walks with the students. The discovery hikes range from 2 – 6 hours in length, and focus upon curricular activities for the redwood forest, maritime history, elephant seals, tidepools and coastal and marine ecology. Walks incorporate activities that demonstrate basic ecological concepts, group and self esteem building and development of citizenship skills. Strategies include hands-on explorations, dramatics, and cooperative and/or thematic games.

- a) Develop lessons that incorporate activities demonstrating basic ecological concepts, group and self esteem building and development of citizenship skills.
- b) Monitor the implementation of Exploring New Horizons risk and safety procedures in the field setting.
- c) Manage and care for all Exploring New Horizons field equipment.
- d) Naturalists work with the same trail group for the program session. This provides curricular continuity and consistency for each group and allows naturalists to more effectively meet the behavioral and learning needs of their students.
- e) Lead the development of positive group learning and team environment. Introduce team building opportunities to encourage positive communication, leadership and individual development.
- f) 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 and remain on site one night per program (housing would be provided).

Additional Duties:

First and Last Day Duties:

Naturalists begin work at 8:30 am. This time is spent meeting with the other Naturalist and/or Program Director, setting up and organizing the program and kitchens. On the last day, Naturalists are responsible for overseeing clean up of the dorms with their students and parent chaperones. After the students depart, Naturalists provide an additional hour to two hours for wrap up, and when another program is not immediately following (all Fridays and some Wednesdays), store the program materials for the weekend.

Cooking Duties

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.

Staff Meetings:

The Program Director may schedule an occasional meeting of all Naturalists. Staff meetings will take place within the Naturalists' regular program hours. Individual meetings may be scheduled periodically throughout the season to set goals and track progress.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Prior experience working with school aged students.
- At minimum, a Bachelor's degree, preferably in Education, Environmental Science, Biology or equivalent experience
- Able to work a flexible schedule, evenings and weekends included.
- Ability to move through a variety of terrains, including flat, rocky and mountainous terrain
- Capability 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
- Housing provided, all naturalists must live on site during program weeks.
- 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
- Wilderness First Responder or WFR is encouraged
- All Naturalist must be TB tested before employment

To apply: Send cover letter, ENH application (on website) and resume to: Heidi@exploringnewhorizons.org. For more information please visit our website <http://www.exploringnewhorizons.org/>.

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