



Talkeetna Discovery Camp Instructor-In-Training

Position Description

Job Duration: 1-4 weeks; dates will be mutually agreed upon

Reports to: Youth Programs Manager

DEC Overview:

Denali Education Center (DEC) is a non-advocacy, for-purpose organization and partner of Denali National Park and Preserve. Our mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of Denali through fun, informative, and inspiring programs. We operate week-long adult learning vacations in cooperation with numerous educational groups and organizations, primarily Road Scholar. In addition, we offer a suite of youth programs, evening events, lectures, and community programs.

Position Overview:

Talkeetna Discovery Camp (TDC) is a week-long environmental education program offered in partnership with several community-based organizations, as well as the YMCA. TDC aims to inspire awe and exploration in youth entering grades K-8 through hikes, water activities like canoeing and kayaking, archery, science, art, and just plain fun. We are looking for enthusiastic high school students, or college aged students with an interest in outdoor education, to serve as Instructors-In-Training.

Each week of Talkeetna Discovery Camp will run one age group:

- Boreal Scouts (Kindergarten-1st grade): **July 6-10**
- Bedrock Detectives (2nd-3rd grade): **July 13-17**
- Susitna Explorers (4th-5th grade): **July 27-31**
- Mountain Voyagers (6th-8th grade): **August 3-7**

Position Responsibilities:

- Work collaboratively with lead camp instructors to help teach and supervise youth.
- Help campers to explore and connect with the natural world around them by assisting with facilitating hands-on environmental learning activities that are educational, fun, age-appropriate, safe, and promote and adhere to Leave No Trace principles.
- Follow and enforce risk-management protocols as outlined by DEC, YMCA, State and Federal agencies.

Qualifications:

- Must be 16 or older for full time role. There may be part-time options for 14- and 15-year-olds.
- Enthusiasm for exploring the outdoors and working with children.
- A positive attitude and desire to learn from and work collaboratively with lead instructors.
- Current CPR/First Aid certification (Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid preferred) or ability to obtain is required.
- This position requires a background check before being able to work with youth.

Preferred Knowledge and Skills:

- Familiarity with Talkeetna and the surrounding areas
- Previous experience with Denali or Talkeetna Discovery Camps as a camper
- Experience caring for and/or teaching children

Compensation: Starting wage for Instructors-in-Training is \$15/hour, wage is dependent on experience

Disclaimer: This position description reflects the Denali Education Center's best effort to describe the essential functions and qualifications of this job. It is not an exhaustive statement of duties, responsibilities, and qualifications, nor a contract.

To Apply: Email a letter of interest, resume and two references (at least one unrelated to you) to Caitlin Mott at youth@denali.org. Please specify in your application which camp weeks you are available for.