

Science Adventure School – Environmental Educator

Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean, WV

Type: Seasonal (August 8th – October 30th)

Job Summary:

The WV Science Adventure School is a 4-day, 3-night outdoor science school that is serving 6th grade students in West Virginia. Our goal is to integrate high quality, engaging, adventure sports-driven science and environmental curriculum with experiential education and student development.

Environmental educators will play a crucial role in meeting that goal by teaching students in an outdoor classroom on a variety of inquiry-driven environmental education lessons and activities. This position is by application only.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Environmental Educators will be expected to:

- Facilitate indoor and outdoor environmental education lessons for 6th grade students.
- Facilitate group and project-based learning initiatives
- Use and maintain scientific equipment and sensors
- Promote students' science and ecological literacy through hands-on activities and open inquiry
- Facilitate students' ability to observe, ask questions, collect data, and communicate findings
- Maintain excellent group/classroom management
- Build a safe and strong learning culture
- Maintain a positive attitude, professional language, appearance, behavior, and willingness to take initiative.

Minimum Qualifications and Requirements:

The applicant must, at a minimum, have the following experience/qualification:

- Bachelor's degree in the discipline of education, biology, ecology, environmental science or other applicable background.
- At least one-year experience teaching in a formal or non-formal setting.
- Basic knowledge of science-related topics
- Awareness and knowledge of the natural environment and a passion for conservation
- Ability to pass a federal background check
- Be comfortable living in and physically able to work outside in the field regardless of weather for long periods of time and have sufficient camping skills

Preferred Qualifications:

The following qualifications are preferred, but are not mandatory:

- Teacher certification
- Hold a First Aid, WFA, or WFR and CPR certification
- Experience with youth schools and camps
- Experience with E-STEM schools

Time Commitment: The Science Adventure School will begin staff training on Monday, August 8th. We expect that you will be available to work with us through and including Saturday, October 30th with minimal time off throughout those twelve weeks. Staff will be expected to be on campus Monday-Friday with weekends off. Although sufficient breaks will be scheduled throughout the week, expect to be working long days with students Tuesday morning through Friday afternoon.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Competitive per diem starting at \$100/day and up to \$160/day
- Additional pay will be allotted as per SAS pay matrix with increases for education, experience, and/or relevant certifications.
- Lodging in the form of platform/canvas tents will be provided for the duration of contract (including weekends and off-days). In some locations, tents will be shared by two staff members.
- Staff will provided all meals M-F, and accommodations for independent food preparations will be available on weekends.
- All professional training will be paid and provided for free.
- Laundry, showers, and internet will be available on site at no charge.

Application Instructions:

Please visit our website at ScienceAdventureSchool.wvu.edu and click on the “Job Opportunities” link on the banner. If you have questions, please feel welcome to email SAS@mail.wvu.edu. Well qualified applicants can expect to hear back from our team within seven days of application submission.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Science Adventure School. We look forward to receiving your application and having you on our team!