



Teaching Naturalist

The Outdoor Education Program is a residential outdoor education program that provides safe, fun, and challenging learning experiences for 5th and 6th graders from across southern California. We are committed to providing our education staff with a meaningful, challenging, and fun working environment.

Job Description

Under the supervision of the Outdoor Education Director and the Outdoor Education Coordinator, the Teaching Naturalist uses established curriculum and the California State Content Standards for instructing a variety of academic subjects and recreation activities. The major responsibilities of this position include the following but are not limited to:

- Teaching up to two class blocks per day (3.5 hours each), and 1-3 evening programs per week
- Facilitating 1-4 meals per week
- Working 1-5 days (4-8 hours each day) each season (fall and spring) for the Recreation Program on weekends and special events
- Welcoming and orienting students upon their arrival
- Participating and engaging in staff meetings
- Addressing discipline problems (students and/or adults)
- Providing basic First Aid and CPR to students and adults
- Assisting in curriculum development and implementation
- Maintaining class and activity supplies
- Assisting in overall program operations, including animal and garden care
- Keeping up-to-date and engaged with new teaching pedagogies and practices
- Complete other duties as assigned

Job Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree in a related field and/or related work experience
- Previous working experience at another outdoor/environmental education organization, and/or instructing youth
- General knowledge of all classes offered at Pathfinder Ranch, and a willingness to learn more about each class
- Past experience with ropes courses, horses, farm animals, gardens, and/or nature centers are helpful
- Passion for teaching and building strong mentoring relationships with students
- Ability to be a beacon of positive energy in a community that lives, works, and eats together
- Willingness to live and work in a remote setting
- Ability to communicate effectively, and give constructive feedback to colleagues
- Flexibility, self-motivation, high energy, and commitment to teamwork
- Ability to work a varied shift schedule in excess of 10 hours per day
- Must reside on camp property
- Current Adult/Pediatric First Aid & CPR certifications (see <http://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/accreditation-standards/first-aid-cpr-recognized-certifications> for approved certifying organizations)
- Current Lifeguard or Watercraft Guard certification is preferred (see P.A. Watercraft Guard section on <http://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/accreditation-standards/aquatic-recognized-certifications> for approved certifications and certifying organizations)
- Must be able to safely lift and carry 30 lbs.
- Ability to hike up to five miles at a time on steep and uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions.

How to Apply

- Go to our employment webpage to complete the [online application](#) and upload a copy of your resume plus cover letter.
- Ask during the interview for more information about pay and benefits.
- You may also contact the Outdoor Education Director at 951-659-2455 ext. 12 or through email at loedirector@pathfinderranch.com with questions.