Forest Wide Interpretive Program Lead

Job Description

Discover Your Forest

Position Overview:

The Discover Your Forest Interpretive Program Lead position provides an opportunity to develop relevant skills in formal and informal interpretation. The position will also include work in the field of program coordination, conservation education and customer service while supporting the visitor experience and information goals of the Deschutes National Forest and Discover Your Forest.

Interpretive program delivery will occur at specific campsites and popular summer lodges around Central Oregon. In partnership with Discover Your Forest, staff team member will lead interpretive, conservation education and Jr. Forest Ranger programs to the public. The Interpretive Program Lead will spend approximately 80% of time working as an interpreter/educator in the field, the remaining 20% supporting other Discover Your Forest events or programs. Some programs will occur on weekends/evenings throughout June, July and August; some time spent driving to locations, and compensation for mileage is reimbursed. This position is open to anyone seeking a career in interpretation or conservation education, or to gain more experience with the public in a natural resource career path.

We invite members of diverse communities to join our workforce as we endeavor to best serve those on our national forests and grassland from every background. Discover Your Forest values diversity and inclusion. By welcoming differences and providing professional enrichment opportunities we are better able to serve those around us.

Salary: $15.00 hourly

Job Type: Full-time Seasonal. Approx. April 1, 2020 – Aug 31, 2020

Department: Education

Reports to: Education Director

Duty Station: Bend Pine Administration Site

Recruitment: Application window closes March 16, 2020

Examples of Specific Duties include, but not limited to:

• Develop and deliver interpretive/conservation education and Jr. Forest Ranger programs to the public at specific campsites and lodges within Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests.
• On-site and day-of management at all assigned programs.
• Interact and engage with the public.
• Assess and enter program statistics and other captured data.
• Assist with other educational and interpretive programs as assigned
• Work collaboratively with Discover Your Forest and US Forest Service staff to accomplish events.
In order to be successful in the role, the ideal candidate will have:

- A sincere and genuine interest in engaging with visitors of all ages and diverse backgrounds.
- Experience delivering interpretive programs.
- Knowledge of broad themes in ecology, environmental education and/or nature interpretation.
- Strong indoor and outdoor classroom management skills.
- Flexibility and can adapt to a variety of situations.
- A commitment to the mission of Discover Your Forest and the US Forest Service.
- A pleasant and outgoing personality.
- Self-motivated, detail-orientated with strong written, verbal and organizational skills.
- The ability to work independently and/or with others.
- Working knowledge of databases and MS Office required.
- BS/BA in Forestry, Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation or other Natural Resource discipline.
- Other relevant work or volunteer experience may also be considered in lieu of formal education.
- Ability to think critically, solves problems creatively, and adapt to change.

Other:

- All DYF Educational Programs are operated according to the terms of a contract with the public land agency to which the site belongs for the purpose of promoting and supporting the agency's educational and interpretive efforts.
- All DYF activities are directly or indirectly dedicated to serving this purpose.
- Position is located on federal property and requires a high level of cooperation with agency staff.

Working Conditions:

This position will be roughly 80% serving in the field and 20% in an office environment at a computer. Weekends and evening shifts are required.

Onboarding:

We will conduct reference checks as part of our recruitment process. We will conduct a criminal background check on final candidates as required for the position and access to the network.

Questions and How to Apply:

- For more information contact Karen Gentry, Discover Your Forest’s Education Director, at 541-383-4771.
- To apply: Email Cover letter and Resume to karen.gentry@discovernw.org. The cover letter should address your experience as it pertains to this opportunity.