

Glacier Institute

Outdoor Education Specialist



Finding the right seasonal employment is a daunting task. You want to find a position that fulfills your goals, drives your career forward, and leaves you energized instead of drained. You risk wasting valuable time with a job that isn't fulfilling. We are seeking individuals that share our mission to use education as the tool to connect people to the natural world. "You won't save what you don't love and you can't love what you don't know." - Jacques Cousteau. We work hard, we work long, and we work for little pay, but the opportunity to accomplish our mission in one of the most beautiful places on the earth makes it absolutely worth it.

Since 1983, The Glacier Institute, a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit, has been providing hands-on, field-based education in some of nature's wildest places. We educate outdoors to inspire action. Employment with The Glacier Institute allows you to empower future generations, hone your educational finesse, discover Glacier National Park, and maximize your impact.

We are hiring Outdoor Education Specialists to run our Going-To-The-Sun Road Day Programs:

- **GTTSR Day Program** – These programs will provide in-depth educational experiences along the Going-To-The-Sun Road corridor. We will run daily programs from our Columbia Falls office for visitors of the Flathead Valley, including optional stops at Avalanche Lake, Hidden Lake Overlook, Highline Trail, and Rising Sun / St. Mary.

Start date: 6/14/2021

End date: 10/1/2021

Job Summary: Outdoor Education Specialists are the face of the Glacier Institute. You will be responsible for instructing field courses to a wide variety of audiences, ranging from ages 5-95. The Glacier Institute specializes in place-based, hands-on learning of the natural sciences, land use management, and cultural history. We strive to empower students of all ages. As an Outdoor Education Specialist, you will be given the tools to grow as a naturalist, educator, and well-rounded individual!

Compensation:

- Housing provided.
- \$1,000/month stipend, with the opportunity to earn performance-based tips during programs.
- 2021 employee entrance pass into Glacier and Waterton National Parks.
- Friends and family discounts for all Glacier Institute courses (subject to availability).
- Participation in expert-led Glacier Institute catalog course as space permits.
- Professional development as a teacher, naturalist, educator, and guide!

Responsibilities:

- Lead in-depth full-day educational programs along the Going-to-the-Sun Road corridor.
- Manage participants' safety in unregulated outdoor environments by applying sound judgement, problem solving, and risk management skills.

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- Administer and document first aid and appropriate emergency responses.
- Maintain a working knowledge of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem and current applicable sciences.
- Safely operate 15 passenger vans/buses to transport participants up the highly technical Going-To-The-Sun road, and along highway corridors.
- Provide quality customer service to all guests.
- Assist office staff with marketing efforts, community outreach, curriculum development, and social media content.
- Display confidence and comfort working in adverse environmental conditions (snow, rain, 0°F-100°F temperatures, mosquitoes/ticks, hazardous wildlife, etc.).
- Represent the Glacier Institute in its mission and goals.
- All other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Bachelor's degree OR equivalent experience with a thorough knowledge of comprehensive natural/environmental processes.
- Valid driver's license with an insurable driving record.
- Current Basic First Aid/CPR certification (or higher) through the contracted dates of employment.
- Ability to hike 10 miles with up to 3,000 feet of elevation gain over steep, rocky, and potentially snowy terrain, and carry a pack up to 50 pounds.
- Self-motivated with the ability to efficiently work independently with little instruction or supervision.
- Ability to work and live in remote, off-grid locations with limited cell-phone service or immediate emergency services.

At the Glacier Institute, we work hard in exchange for unbelievable access to some of the wildest, most rugged, and most scenic landscapes in the U.S. Many past staff members have enjoyed mountaineering, backpacking, fly fishing, rafting/canoeing/kayaking, mushroom collecting, skiing (there's snow year-round!), wildlife photography, catching a glimpse at the Northern Lights, and so much more.

TO APPLY:

If this position sounds like the right fit, please submit a resume, contact information for 3 references, and a cover letter to garrett@glacierinstitute.org

We look forward to reviewing your material!

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