



## Job Description

Position Title: Big Creek Outdoor Education Intern

Reports to: Lead Educator

Pay Rate: \$200 / month

Term: June 12th, 2023 - August 13th, 2023

- I. Major Function: Interns are at Big Creek for one main purpose - to grow as educators. Glacier Institute's Lead Educators, Outdoor Education Specialists I & II, Director of Education, and Executive Director are all here to give interns the mentorship and tools they need to learn what it's like to work in outdoor education. Outdoor Education Interns play an essential role in the operation of The Glacier Institute's Big Creek Outdoor Education Center, our youth campus. Interns gain a season of experience working with school groups and youth camps to empower students of all ages through place and science-based outdoor education. By the end of the season, Outdoor Education Interns are skilled enough to teach various environmental science classes, co-lead students on day-hikes, backpacking trips, and monitor students during overnight bunkhouse stays. Most importantly, Big Creek Outdoor Education Interns will have the ability to select, design, and carry out a long-term project that will highlight their own unique skills and professional development goals. Interns will be guided and mentored throughout the summer and their project will be the culmination of the skills learned and their future goals. The Glacier Institute specializes in place-based, hands-on learning of the natural sciences and cultural history, and interns are an integral part of ensuring that we achieve our mission.
  
- II. Major Duties and Responsibilities:
  - A. Provide overnight youth supervision in bunkhouses, as needed June-August.
  - B. Shadow the delivery of educational programming.
  - C. Monitor students during meals and free time.
  - D. Assist with the serving of daily meals for up to 45 students (no certification necessary, on the job training will be provided).
  - E. Participate in daily/weekly housekeeping and cleaning tasks
  - F. Interns will work a 4-day workweek to allow individual time to enjoy Glacier National Park, as well as time to work on their project.
  - G. Display confidence and comfort working in adverse environmental conditions (snow, rain, 0 F-100 F temperatures, mosquitoes/ticks, hazardous wildlife, etc.).
  - H. Represent the Glacier Institute in its mission and goals.
  - I. Other duties as assigned



### III. Professional Development

- A. Develop a thorough understanding of Glacier National Park and the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem including the natural and geologic history, land use management, cultural history, and much more!
- B. Gain experience teaching and developing interactive, field-based educational curriculum for students ages 7-16.
- C. Co-lead students, ages 7-16, on day, multi-day, and overnight field-based outdoor education programs and day hikes.
- D. Join/co-lead multi-day backpacking trips with students ages 11-16.
- E. Interns select, design, and carry out a long-term project that will contribute to Glacier Institute's mission and vision, while also utilizing the unique skills and professional development goals of the intern.
- F. Gain valuable experience and tools for managing students' safety in unregulated outdoor environments.
- G. Glacier National Park boasts the highest density of grizzly bears in the lower 48 states! Bear spray and in-depth bear safety training will be provided.

### IV. Candidate Qualifications:

#### A. Education

- 1. At least one (1) year of undergraduate education OR the equivalent in experience, with a thorough understanding of natural sciences.

#### B. Skills and abilities

- 1. Exceptional communication skills
- 2. Detail oriented
- 3. Valid driver's license with an insurable driving record.
- 4. Ability to carry loads up to 50 pounds and hike up to 12 miles.
- 5. Self-motivated with the ability to efficiently work independently with little instruction or supervision.
- 6. Ability to work and live in remote, off-grid locations with limited cell-phone service or immediate emergency services.

### V. Compensation:

- A. \$200 / month.
- B. On-site housing for employees is provided.
- C. 2023 Employee entrance pass into Glacier and Waterton National Parks.
- D. Participation in expert-led Glacier Institute catalog course as space permits.
- E. Friends and family discounts for all Glacier Institute courses (subject to availability).

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](mailto:Garrett@glacierinstitute.org). We look forward to reviewing your materials!