



Discovery Southeast

Hands-on Nature Education for Southeast Alaskans

PO Box 21867, Juneau, AK 99802
(907) 463-1500

info@discoverysoutheast.org

DiscoverySoutheast.org

Juneau's nature and science education organization, Discovery Southeast, is interested in adding a Lead Naturalist to start this school year. The main responsibility is leading some of our hands-on nature and science programs in elementary classrooms and outdoors. In addition, the position *can* encompass enrichment programs (after school, day, or summer) for elementary and middle schoolers, developing curricula, managing programs, fundraising, and outreach.

In coordination with classroom teachers Lead Naturalists plan and teach lessons designed to awaken children to a comfort and curiosity in nature, and a better understanding of the natural world. Programs occur partly in classrooms and mostly outdoors. Besides engaging children's curiosity and senses, lead naturalists are responsible for classroom management and keeping a classroom of students safe

The backgrounds we value most include classroom teaching, group and classroom management, leading groups outdoors, and developing lessons. Candidates should be comfortable managing groups of children, have enthusiasm for outdoor exploration, and be committed to nature education. We hope to find someone who is looking for stable employment for several years.

The position is easiest as part time, but there is potential to make it $\frac{3}{4}$ time for candidates that also bring experience coordinating programs, an/or administrative work. For those interested in doing more than the main classroom lessons, some of the work we have coordinating programs includes designing lessons, creating and overseeing the structure for an enrichment program, or supervising program staff. Examples of administrative work include design skills, membership relations, fundraising, or grant writing.

The core responsibility of leading classroom programs requires daytime availability until 2:30 in the fall, winter, and spring, but requires little commitment over the winter holidays or summer. Adding other responsibilities can lead to a fuller schedule. For example, after school programs extend the day to 5 or 5:30. Administrative work can fill up otherwise slow weeks or times. Summer camp can provide summer employment.

Pay is dependent on experience, and generally between \$20-\$30 with the lower end of that range representing education in the field but limited experience, and the upper end being significant knowledge and experience in the field. We offer health insurance for staff working at least $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Organization: Since 1989 Discovery Southeast has provided education and exploration deepening Southeast Alaskans connection with nature. We are a regional non-profit ensuring that local residents, particularly children, experience the natural connections and local grandeur of Southeast Alaska. Our core programs teach virtually every Juneau child to learn and explore through nature. We strive to reach all Juneau children, with an emphasis to include those who might not otherwise be introduced to the outdoors at a young age.

To Apply: Interested candidates may submit a cover letter and resume to Shawn Eisele, at executivedirector@discoverysoutheast.org. Questions are welcome at the same email address. In applications, please specify roughly how many hours a week you would like to work. More information about our programs is at DiscoverySoutheast.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.