



# Alaska Native Voices Educational Institute

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## NATIVE HERITAGE TOURISM JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Glacier Bay: Native Cultural Heritage Guide (Seasonal May-September) Summer 2017 Cruise Ship and Land Based Position

Alaska Native Voices Educational Institute (ANVEI) is currently seeking enthusiastic applicants who are excited about sharing the rich history and heritage of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve and the Huna Tlingit (Xúna Káawu). There are currently full time and part-time seasonal openings for Cultural Heritage Guides for the summer of 2017.

ANVEI Cultural Heritage Guides have been providing visitors with Alaska Native perspectives for more than 16 years. Our guides teach visitors about Native life in and around Glacier Bay before and after the rapid advance and retreat of Sit Tlein (Grand Pacific Glacier). Each guide attends a preseason training which prepares them with the skills needed to effectively provide formal and informal programming on and off cruise ships, tour vessels, and ashore in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Every guide brings with them their own personal history and experiences as they interact and engage with visitors from all over the world which enhances the visitors' cultural experience. Our mission is to provide the best cultural heritage experience possible and share the human and cultural history of Glacier Bay.

A successful applicant should either come with, or be energetic about learning essential knowledge of Glacier Bay, Huna Tlingit history, Tlingit traditions and traditional methods, geographic areas of significance in and around Icy Strait (past and present), and be able to relate Tlingit stories. Abilities to perform, discuss or present native song, dance, language, displays and examples of art or tradition is desirable.

#### In addition, successful applicants must:

- Be willing and available to be based at the Bartlett Cove/Gustavus area for extended periods.
- Have a friendly, approachable demeanor and possess good customer service skills.
- Be comfortable with public speaking in front of large groups.
- Be willing to learn more about Tlingit culture and be willing to share this with visitors from all over the world (supplemental information on Native history in Glacier Bay is provided to all guides).
- Knowledge of the Tlingit language is a plus, but is not required for this position.
- Be punctual and able to follow a set schedule – many workdays begin in the early morning with pre-scheduled presentation times throughout the day.
- **Have the physical ability to board cruise ships by climbing a ladder from a moving pilot boat (see reverse).**
- Possess the stamina to be able to work long hours when necessary.
- Must be a team player – work closely with fellow Cultural Heritage Guides, Alaska Native Voices Educational Institute office staff, National Park Service staff, Glacier Bay Lodge staff and ship crews.
- Understand technologies used for presentations and communication with support staff including email, web and word processing (some additional training provided).
- Pass a random drug test. Note: ANV Conforms to federal drug restrictions which includes Marijuana.

#### Other information:

- Position: Full time and part-time, seasonal – May through September (Training begins April 2017).
- Salary is dependent upon experience
- Benefits: No Medical/dental benefits are offered for this seasonal position
- Schedule: Varied and potentially flexible Based on ship schedules and can vary from week to week.
- Stationed at Glacier Bay Lodge or Gustavus area – must be willing to fly, travel efficiently and professionally represent ANVEI. Transportation and lodging provided during the season. Meals provided when aboard ships.

#### Education

College education preferred. Education may be substituted by outstanding work experience history.

Apply online at [www.alaskanativevoices.com](http://www.alaskanativevoices.com) or Send resume & cover letter to: Alaska Native Voices Educational Institute, Attn: Mario Fulmer 9301 Glacier Hwy., Ste. 200, Juneau, AK 99801; 907-789-8542  
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## SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST FOR TRAVEL ON THE NPS VESSEL SERAC AND TRANSFERS TO CRUISE SHIPS

Loading the Serac, the boat ride, and transferring between the Serac and cruise ships, can be physically and mentally challenging. You should be comfortable with the following activities and abilities before committing to a trip on NPS vessels.

NOTE: It is important for you to acknowledge that the Captain of the boat has the discretion and final authority to determine whether or not they feel that it is safe for you to travel on the NPS boat.

Check off all the statements below that apply to you. **Be honest in evaluating yourself.**

- I can keep my balance on a moving deck
- I can move and shift weight quickly
- I can keep my balance if the boat bumps the dock, or ship or hits a wave unexpectedly
- I can step forward confidently across a two-foot span over open water to a ladder
- I can step backward confidently across a two-foot span over open water from a ladder onto a moving platform
- I can hold onto a 90-degree vertical rope ladder for more than a minute
- I can climb ten feet up or down a 90 degree rope ladder using arms above head and facing inward (toward the ladder)
- I get regular exercise and have above-average strength, agility and fitness
- I have good depth perception
- I can hear verbal instructions over loud engine and ocean noise
- I get seasick and/or motion sick

*You are the person on the ladder (far left)*

