

Residential Outdoor Science Instructor

Base Salary \$75 to \$80 per/day DOE (Room & Board provided, additional pay for valuable certs)

Full Time: Seasonal Position February 22, 2018 -November 2018

Sierra Nevada Journeys' Grizzly Creek Ranch Campus, Portola, California



WHO ARE WE?

Sierra Nevada Journeys is built on a simple premise: Science education is a necessity, and nature's classroom is a great place to teach it. Our full mission statement is to deliver innovative outdoor, science-based education programs for youth to develop critical thinking skills and to inspire natural resource stewardship. To achieve this mission, Sierra Nevada Journeys offers a range of programming to students in northern Nevada and California:

- Our credentialed teachers create innovative, engaging curriculum for 1st-6th graders, teach in the classroom, and lead field expeditions.
- Our Residential Outdoor Science Instructors host students, teachers, and families at our Outdoor School located at Grizzly Creek Ranch, near Portola, CA, and run an epic summer camp for 8-17 year olds.
- We train teachers on how to bring engaging STEM lessons to their classrooms as well as how to utilize the outdoor classroom.
- Through our Family Science/STEM Nights, we involve families to reinforce classroom concepts.

Here at Sierra Nevada Journeys, we believe that outdoor science education is not just a luxury but a necessity. Over 55% of the students we serve are from low-income families, and building capacity to fundraise enables us to help under-served students across our region.

WHO ARE YOU?

Our program participants reflect the diversity within our communities, and we value the same on our staff. Whether you're an urbanite or mountain (wo)man, from the east coast, west coast, North Pole or Mars, you'll fit right in. Though we come from all sorts of places, what bonds the Sierra Nevada Journeys family is a deep commitment to our mission and the professional skillset to execute it.

WHERE WE OPERATE

Sierra Nevada Journeys has three locations: our headquarters in Reno, NV our science campus in Portola, CA, and a satellite office in Sacramento, CA. We serve students along the I-80 corridor from Sacramento, CA to Fallon, NV, with the majority of students clustered around our three locations. This position is based out of the Portola, CA location.



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ABOUT GRIZZLY CREEK RANCH AND PORTOLA

The Residential Outdoor Science Instructor works at our Grizzly Creek Ranch Campus in Portola, California. The campus is situated among 1,500 acres of pristine Yellow Pine forest. Built in 2003, Grizzly Creek Ranch offers excellent program resources, including a challenge course, hiking trails, and pond. The campus is within convenient travel distance to Lake Tahoe, Reno, Reno/Tahoe Airport and Plumas National Forest. It is also within three hours of Sacramento and 4 hours of the San Francisco area. Instructors live in houses rented through Sierra Nevada Journeys in downtown Portola, CA – the nearest town with a population of about 2,000. The town has a grocery store, two gas stations, a couple restaurants and a ton of outdoor recreation activities.

JOB DESCRIPTION

This is a seasonal position with varying roles and responsibilities. During the fall and spring seasons, instructors' primary responsibility is delivering residential, 1-5 day outdoor science educational programs primarily serving 5th and 6th grades from regional elementary and middle schools. All of our lessons are hands-on science and collaborative problem solving-based with a focus on critical thinking, exploration, and environmental stewardship. Instructors are responsible for leading and educating a group of 12 – 15 students throughout their program, including facilitating large group activities, leading meals and working evening programs. All lessons are written according to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and we train our staff using BEETLES teaching techniques and pedagogy.

During the summer season, Sierra Nevada Journeys delivers both residential summer camp programs and community programs for special needs and leadership development. Sierra Nevada Journeys' traditional, week-long summer camp programs are facilitated with an educational and experiential focus for our resident campers. Instructors supervise the campers overnight, as well as facilitate activities such as the challenge course, archery, swimming, kayaking, campfires, and skits. For leadership development groups, instructors will use Sierra Nevada Journeys' challenge course to facilitate leadership experiences and develop collaborative problem solving skills. Instructors also assist our special needs organizations by adapting traditional camp activities to provide an enriching experience for their campers. Many of our community partners also bring participants to campus on the weekends in the fall and spring and instructors work with them to meet their program goals.

Instructors will be directly responsible for ensuring that attending schools' and campers' educational outcomes are met. Instructors are supervised by the Program Manager. Join a staff that is committed to constantly improving our outstanding outdoor education programs and creating an excellent experience for kids!

For more information about this position, please visit www.sierranevadajourneys.org/rosi-faqs/.

Please visit [Camp Minder](#) to apply for the ROSI Position. You will be asked to upload your resume and cover letter within the online application.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Facilitate high quality, NGSS- based outdoor education programs (day and evening)
- Facilitate the challenge course to achieve collaborative problem solving goals
- Be proficient in all Sierra Nevada Journeys outdoor school curriculum and teaching methods
- Attend trainings delivered by the Program Management Team



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- Deliver, organize, and grade student assessments and related paperwork
- Be able to deliver programs effectively while working with chaperones, teachers, community group staff members, and other instructors as needed
- Provide overnight supervision to Sierra Nevada Journeys residential summer campers
- Lead meals and engage students before meals
- Work Support Staff duties when assigned, including but not limited to: creating necessary paper materials for schools, campus improvement projects, revamping curriculum, etc.
- Act as overnight on call staff as needed – staying overnight and helping groups with overnight emergencies
- Clear cabins, inventory program supplies, and participate in debriefs after each program
- Support campus operations as assigned (maintenance, food service and housekeeping)
- Other duties as assigned

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum 21-year-old
- Bachelor's Degree in related field or relevant work experience
- Experience in science instruction – either in a formal outdoor setting or in a classroom setting
- A passion for working with students and making a difference through education
- Ability to work irregular hours and days/nights in order to meet group needs
- The ability to take initiative, work independently, and maintain a positive attitude
- Ability to live and work positively with other staff members
- Comfortable being 50 feet off the ground on challenge course high elements
- Ability to pass background check
- Ability to lift up to 30 pounds and hike up to 7 miles
- Current CPR and First Aid certification
- Willingness to obtain lifeguard certification (course conducted by Sierra Nevada Journeys)

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- Competitive salary (depends on experience)
 - Employees will earn \$1/day extra for each certification:
 - WFA/WFR
 - Waterfront Lifeguard/Pool Lifeguard
 - Teaching Certification
- Shared housing and most meals are provided
- Live, work, explore and recreate in beautiful Plumas County
- Innovative company focused on improving outdoor education delivery
- Professional development towards outdoor education leadership or classroom teaching goals
- Prodeals for many outdoor companies



We are proud to be a 2014-2017 finalist for Best Places to Work,
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