

Assistant Educator-Homer Day Camp (Summer 2020)

As an **Assistant Educator** for the **Homer Day Camp** during the **Summer Season**, help kids from Homer and beyond connect with the ecosystems of Kachemak Bay, become better stewards, and develop a love for the natural world. The **Environmental Educator** will work primarily with the CACS Day Camp, based out of Homer. Participants in this program are 6-10 years old. Each week (Monday-Thursday) of day camp features a different topic.

Duties include planning and leading activities, crafts, and games relevant to the weekly themes, administering basic first aid, comforting upset campers, developing a fun, safe, and positive group dynamic, leading beach and forest hikes, and assisting with training and coaching of interns and volunteers. Day camp activities are well-developed but provide ample opportunities for creativity and flexibility. Position requires experience leading and organizing young children or school groups; some familiarity with intertidal, marine, and forest ecology; good physical condition; patience, compassion, and enthusiasm; and ability to live and work in a residential setting with other staff. Alaska or similar experience and experience with early childhood education preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Assist as a day camp educator for participants at the Homer Spit, Beluga Slough, Bishop's Beach, Wynn Nature Center, and local trails
- Plan and lead games, activities, and crafts for participants relevant to weekly topics
- Assist with transportation of group in the 12-passenger van
- Help maintain a stock of snacks, first aid supplies, and craft materials
- Model positive interactions with the natural world and human communities, practice good stewardship and respectfulness, and lead stewardship activities
- Develop and ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning environment for participants
- Work cooperatively with other CACS staff and volunteers to provide the best possible experience for participants
- Set behavior guidelines for the group and maintain discipline as necessary
- Administer basic first aid and comfort homesick or otherwise upset children
- Keep track of attendance, required forms, and other duties as supervisor requires
- Correspond respectfully with parents and volunteers
- Submit written feedback on camp
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects



Position runs from May 25th– August 21, 2020. \$10.5-11.25/hour DOE + housing is provided. Contact Seth Spencer: jobs@akcoastalstudies.org for more information.

There will also be 1 position available that is a 1/2 time assistant day camp educator, and a 1/2 time yurt visitor services. Please indicate in your cover letter if you are interested in this position.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to jobs@akcoastalstudies.org by January 17, 2020.

Please indicate in both the cover letter and e-mail subject line the positions for which you are applying.