

## Full Time Marine Educator – CACS Yurt on the Spit (Summer 2019)

As a **Marine Educator** based out of the CACS **Yurt on the Spit** and Homer Harbor during the **Summer** Season, impart knowledge and help adults, families, and kids connect with the coastal and marine ecosystems of Kachemak Bay and become better stewards of these waters. This position also includes involvement in community-based monitoring projects and a focus on communicating about our changing ocean. The Marine Educator will split much their time between three major areas of focus: 3-4 hour “Ocean Connection” oceanographic discovery programs based aboard a 15-passenger boat, 1-hour Creatures of the Dock Tours based out of the Homer Harbor, and full-day guided natural history tours based out of the remote Peterson Bay Field Station.



Position requires relevant knowledge base in intertidal/marine ecology or oceanography; experience as an instructor, educator, or interpreter; ability to work and live in a residential setting with groups and staff; good physical condition; and patience, flexibility, creativity and enthusiasm. Alaska or similar experience preferred, as is experience working on boats or around the water.

### Responsibilities:

- Plan and prepare materials for the Ocean Connection trips and communicate with boat operators
- Lead hands-on Ocean Connection activities with mixed-age groups aboard a 15-passenger boat
- Collect plankton samples and water quality information
- Manage data collection and access
- Adapt and lead Creatures of the Dock programs for a variety of audiences, including adults, families, and children with special learning and behavior requirements
- Work cooperatively with other CACS staff and volunteers to provide the best possible experience for all participants
- Conduct interpretive hikes through the coastal forest and intertidal zone at the Peterson Bay Field Station
- Conduct interpretive presentations of marine life in live tanks and aquaria at the Peterson Bay Field Station
- Assist with educational activities for youth and adult groups in intertidal ecology, oceanography, forest ecology, and Alaska Native cultures; including the potential for some multi-day/overnight groups
- Plan and lead educational programs for college and high school groups, including the development of activities specific to their focus and areas of learning
- Submit written feedback on programs
- Communicate and correspond respectfully with all participants, group leaders, staff, and volunteers
- Assist with other programs as necessary at the Homer Spit, Peterson Bay Field Station, Homer Farmers Market, and Wynn Nature Center, including SPIT Kids, Day Camp programs, and guided walks
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects

**Position available runs from May 25 – September 7, 2020. \$11-\$13 hour DOE. Housing is provided.**

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**To Apply:** Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to [jobs@akcoastalstudies.org](mailto: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.