

Naturalist – Peterson Bay Field Station (Summer 2020)

As a **Naturalist** at the **Peterson Bay Field Station** during the **Summer Season** impart knowledge and a sense of stewardship with visitors and groups from around the world. Lead interpretive natural history hikes for diverse groups, and multi-day field studies for special groups of all ages, and participate in citizen monitoring projects. Assist with training and coaching of interns and volunteers and perform routine maintenance of remote facilities and trails. Requires relevant knowledge base in forest ecology and intertidal/marine ecology, experience as an instructor, educator, or interpreter, and ability to work and live in a residential setting with groups and staff. Alaska or similar experience preferred, as is experience stocking and maintaining saltwater aquaria.



Responsibilities:

- Conduct interpretive hikes through the coastal forest and intertidal zone
- Conduct interpretive presentations of marine life in live tanks and aquaria
- Lead educational activities for youth and adult groups in intertidal ecology, oceanography, forest ecology, and Alaska Native cultures
- Provide orientation for yurt stay visitors and overnight groups
- Be available "on-call" in evenings to assist yurt stay visitors as needed
- Assist with CACS camps for youth and families, including development and implementation of programming, meal planning and preparation, chaperoning of participants, organization and preparation of supplies, and submitting written feedback on the camp
- Plan and lead educational programs for college and high school groups, including the development of activities specific to their focus and areas of learning
- Facilitate evening activities such as campfires, games, and beach walks for overnight groups
- Develop and ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning environment for all participants
- Administer basic first aid
- Assist with set-up, stocking and maintenance of intertidal life in outdoor, saltwater live tanks and aquaria
- Assist with visitor, gear, food, and bedding transportation between the Homer harbor and the Peterson Bay Field Station Dock
- Perform routine trail work, maintenance, and cleaning at the Peterson Bay Field Station, including troubleshooting of all water systems (freshwater, saltwater, and greywater) and maintenance of the composting toilet system
- Ensure CACS safety standards are maintained
- Sell promotional and gift items
- Conduct participant evaluations of programs
- Perform administrative tasks, including education program data entry and cataloging of photos
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects
- Assist in mentoring of CACS Naturalist Interns, including shadowing programs and providing constructive criticism
- Lead day programs in Homer as necessary, including Creatures of the Dock Tours and SPIT Kids

Position runs from May 25– September 7, 2020 \$12-\$13/hour , DOE. Housing is provided.

Contact Seth Spencer - jobs@akcoastalstudies.org or 907-235-6714 for more information

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