

## Full Time Environmental Educator – CACS Yurt on the Spit (Summer 2020)

As an **Environmental Educator** at the **CACS Yurt on the Spit** 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 SPIT Kids (3 hour programs). Participants in these programs are 6-10 and 3-5 years old. Educators will also lead Creatures of the Dock Tours.



Duties include planning and leading activities, crafts and games relevant to the weekly themes, administering basic first aid, comforting upset children, developing a fun, safe, and positive group dynamic, leading beach hikes and dock tours, assisting with training and coaching of interns and volunteers. SPIT Kids activities are well-developed and supported, 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 beach ecology; good physical condition; and patience, compassion, and enthusiasm. Alaska or similar experience and experience with early childhood education preferred.

### Responsibilities:

- Lead environmental education activities at and around the Homer Spit
- Plan and lead games, activities, and crafts for participants relevant to weekly topics
- 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 students
- Perform administrative tasks, including education program data entry
- Correspond respectfully with parents and volunteers
- Submit written feedback on programs
- Adapt and lead Creatures of the Dock programs for a variety of audiences, including adults, families, and children with special learning and behavior requirements
- Assist with other day programs as necessary at the Homer Spit, Homer Farmers Market, and Wynn Nature Center, including Creatures of the Dock, Knee-High Naturalists, Day Camp programs, and guided walks
- Provide weekly photos for social media and blogging projects

Position available runs from May 25 – September 7, 2020. \$10-\$12 hour DOE. Housing is provided. Contact Seth Spencer: [jobs@akcoastalstudies.org](mailto: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](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.