Outdoor Education Instructor

General Information:
Explorer West Middle School seeks qualified Outdoor Educators for its fall program. The program will support our 6th-8th grade students through backpacking and camping trips that will take students to locations including Fort Worden, Mount Rainier and other state and national parks in Washington.

Position Description:
Adventure is inherently risky, but when properly managed, it can open up a world of confidence-building and self-reliance. The top priority for any outdoor adventure educator is always the safety of the participants with risk assessment, management, and prevention. Some of the skills you will have the opportunity to work with students on include communication and teamwork, navigation, the art of camping, decision-making skills, LNT/backcountry ethics, assisting with outdoor service projects, following an itinerary, and implementing brief integrated curriculum lessons with a faculty co-leader. In-depth knowledge of all these skills is optional, but understanding basic camping routines and team/group dynamics is necessary.

Required Qualifications:
- Availability for our trip dates (September 9-11), including prep day September 8)
- First Aid and CPR certifications (minimum)
- Experience working with youth (preferably middle school)
- Diverse outdoor experience
- Pass Washington State Patrol and OSPI fingerprint background checks

Preferred Qualifications:
- WFA, WFR, or higher medical certification
- Experience teaching LNT and other wilderness outdoor skills
- Experience leading overnight trips in the above regions
- Experience leading overnight trips with middle school-age populations
- Provide a driving record (at the school's expense) and willingness to drive a 7, 12, or 15-passenger van

Compensation:
Pay ranges from $220 - $295 per day (depending on experience and certifications) for three field days, and $150 for orientation/prep day. All outdoor educator positions are open until filled. All outdoor educators are paid immediately upon successful completion of trips.

If interested, please send a resume to Nissa Moldestad, Outdoor Education Coordinator, employment@explorer-west.org.

Learn more about Explorer West and our Outdoor Education Program! explorer-west.org

The mission of Explorer West Middle School is to empower young people to explore and grow their unique intellectual, ethical, and creative capabilities, and to treasure diversity and growth in others.
We offer rigorous academics and a diverse range of enrichment programs in a small, vibrant learning environment. Explorer West was founded in 1996 and today enrolls 102 students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Located in West Seattle, the school's award-winning sustainability and outdoor education programs inspire adolescents to learn how they can positively impact their environment and community. Explorer West graduates become adventurous and confident leaders who flourish, both academically and socially, wherever they go.
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