

# **COLOMA OUTDOOR DISCOVERY SCHOOL**

*Learning about the past...changing the future.*

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## **Job Description for Daytime Naturalist**

Have you heard about the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School? CODS has been providing a variety of outdoor education programs since 1990. Our residential programs offer public and private school students a 1-5 day experience in the following: California history, earth/life science, and ropes challenge. Our campus is located on the banks of the South Fork of the American River in the town of Coloma, California.

Our program has an excellent reputation for employing professional naturalists who are excellent role models, teachers, and well-educated individuals. The daytime naturalist position is available seasonally—from January thru June, and September thru November—with the option to return the following season.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Educating, supervising, and empowering 4<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in the Gold Rush/Living History program.
- Initiate learning in many formats: at meals, in the field, on the trail, and in large (100+) or small (12-16 students) groups.
- Commitment to personal development of teaching skills and background knowledge of subject areas.
- Promote positive communication among staff, students, teachers, and parent counselors.
- Model environmentally sustainable behavior and ethics.
- Regularly manage teaching supplies and equipment.
- Collaborate with other naturalists and Program Director to continually upgrade academic and logistic aspects of program.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BA or BS in the field of education, science, history or related
- Experience teaching in the classroom or at an outdoor education facility
- General knowledge of the developmental needs and behavior of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Ability to conduct skits, songs and/or stories in front of large groups (100+)
- Ability to work independently as well as cooperatively with others
- Current CPR and First Aid certification
- Excellent communication skills
- Like the company of children
- Enjoy working outdoors—rain or shine
- Creative, fun, and energetic!
- Physically fit
- Knowledge of California history and the Sierra Nevada foothills desirable

Daily salary dependent upon experience and education.

Full time employees eligible for medical benefits after 6 months of employment.

Part time and substitute positions available as well.

Please email, fax or send cover letter, resume and three professional contact references to Kindra Garcia.  
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