

Coloma Outdoor Discovery School

Job Announcement: Evening 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, 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 *Evening Naturalist* position is available seasonally—from January thru June, and September thru November—with the option to return the following season. This position has the option of being part or full-time and may be in conjunction with a day naturalist position. An *Evening Naturalist* has the following responsibilities:

- Physically preparing school facilities for the evening program
- Coordinating logistics for groups of 80-120 students
- Facilitating meals, hoe-down, campfire, and guest speaker presentations
- Clearly communicating with staff, students, teachers and parent counselors
- Integrating learning into all aspects of the program

This position requires a person who:

- Enjoys the company of children ages 9-16
- Feels confident facilitating large group activities
- Likes working outdoors—rain or shine
- Is creative, fun, and energetic!
- Has the ability to lead music and/or songs
- Is able to work independently as well as cooperatively with others
- Is committed to personal development of teaching skills and background knowledge of subject areas

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 children
- Excellent communication and group management skills
- Current CPR and First Aid certification
- Knowledge of California history and the Sierra Nevada foothills desirable

Monday-Thursday, 3:30-10:00pm & Wednesday, 12:30pm-3:30pm.
Approximately 32 hours/week.

If interested, please e-mail, fax or send cover letter, resume and three professional contact references to:
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