

Sacramento Based Field Instructor - Contract Staff

Sierra Nevada Journeys is a California and Nevada non-profit educational organization that provides experiential science, leadership, and outdoor education programs for public schools. We are one of the leading experiential education providers in California/Nevada and are looking for contract instructors to help us continue to provide outstanding education, while positively influencing our quickly expanding educational programming in the Sacramento area.

Instructor Description: Sierra Nevada Journeys is looking for professional instructors with experience working with students in 4th-12th grade. We are looking to hire instructors on a contract basis to help us with our outdoor field programs, starting in March 2010. All of our classes are hands-on science and adventure based. Instructors will be responsible for leading a trail group of 12-15 students through a variety of field based activities (problem solving, leadership development, earth science, watershed science, natural systems etc.) during ½ day and full day field trips to local natural areas. Contracting with us is a great way to build your skills in: environmental education, working with young people, teaching science, and facilitating team-building experiences. Become a part of a staff that is committed to providing outstanding outdoor education. Please send resume, cover letter, three references and completed application (can be found at www.sierranevadajourneys.org) to sean@sierranevadajourneys.org. Thanks!

Qualifications:

- A passion for working with students and making a difference!
- The ability to take the initiative, think entrepreneurially, and work independently
- Experience developing, teaching, and leading outdoor environmental education programs and/or classroom instruction (preferably science based), teaching credential preferred but not required
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Experience working with children of diverse ages and cultures
- Able to get along with a wide variety of students, teachers, community members and employees
- Ability to pass background check
- Ability to lift up to 30 pounds and hike 4-5 miles with a backpack
- Ability to work with a flexible schedule, including on weekdays
- Current CPR a must, First aid, WFR or WFA preferred
- MUST have a positive “can do” attitude
- Ability to attend a training (probably on a Saturday)
- Personal means of transportation (ability to drive to field site)
- Fluency in Spanish a plus!

Compensation and Benefits:

- \$12.50 per hour
- Training
- Play a crucial role in ensuring students get outside
- Flexible schedule
- Possible future opportunities for further employment with SNJ

Note: You will be asked to work between 1-6 trips during Spring 2010, between 1-10 trips during Fall 2010, scheduling will be decided by Director of Outreach – Sacramento.