PACK INTERNSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Outdoor Education Intern
Sierra Nevada Journeys
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Reno, NV 89501

About Sierra Nevada Journeys
Sierra Nevada Journeys is built on a simple premise: Science education is a necessity, and nature’s classroom is a great place to teach it. Our full mission statement is to deliver innovative outdoor, science-based education programs for youth to develop critical thinking skills and to inspire natural resource stewardship. Over 55% of the students we serve are from low-income families, and our program participants reflect the diversity within our communities. We value the same on our staff. Whether you’re an urbanite or mountain (wo)man, from the east coast, west coast, North Pole or Mars, you’ll fit right in. Though we come from all sorts of places, what bonds the SNJ family is a deep commitment to our mission and the professional skill set to execute it.

About the Internship
Gain valuable experience, build your teaching skills, and change kids’ lives. Become an SNJ intern today! The intern will participate in our Classrooms Unleashed program, which is an integral component in our outdoor science education model. During each program, one of the lessons is a 3 hour field study which takes place at a local natural area (Oxbow Nature Study, Mayberry Park, McCarren Ranch, Galena Regional Park, etc.). Typically there are around 60-70 students attending a field study, and ideal student/instructor ratios are around 15/1 (or even 12/1). Small groups travel independently at the field location, with the intern serving as a lead instructor of a group, facilitating activities, trail games, problem solving situations, data collection stations, etc. Essentially, the intern will learn our curriculum and instructional techniques for our 1-day field studies, and become the main lead for a group of students. This is a specialized intern opportunity with a high level of responsibility, and will help the organization leverage existing resources to implement our mission with more students. We can’t think of a more rewarding and mission aligned internship experience than getting your hands dirty in the outdoors with students!

Qualifications
- Experience with children of diverse ages, ability, and cultures, and an eagerness to work with children
- Desire to learn and is self-motivated to improve on new skills and abilities
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to represent SNJ professionally
- Experience with Microsoft programs
- Access to a laptop and reliable transportation
- Ability to lift up to 30 pounds and walk 4-5 miles with a back pack
- Ability to pass a background check
- Experience teaching science related topics
- Must be able to work at least 2 days a week between the hours of 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday
- Availability to work from 5:00-7:00PM on some Tuesdays and Thursdays for our Family Science Nights

Internship Duties
The intern will participate in a variety of tasks related to delivering outdoor science instruction to 3rd-5th grade students. This may include:
- Engaging in the training required to lead groups
- Solo leading groups of 12-15 students while engaging in and teaching high quality science instruction
- Learning how to use and executing best teaching practices and behavior management strategies
- Providing assistance as an instructor aid in the field while observing training
- Participating in the execution of our Family Science Night programs
- Completing a special project that focuses on growth of the intern and organization
- Other office projects related to the role of the intern

$12/hour for 120 hours
Spring Semester 2017

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