



Coloma Outdoor Discovery School

Job Announcement: *Evening Naturalist*

CODS has been providing a variety of outdoor education programs since 1990. Our residential programs offer public and private school students a 1-4 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 May, and September thru early December—with the option to return the following season. Seasonally this position may be 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 50-150 students
- Facilitating meals, hoe-down, campfire, team-building activities (STEM) and guest speaker presentations
- Clearly communicating with teaching/facilities staff, students, teachers and parent counselors
- Integrating learning into all aspects of the program

This position requires a person who:

Is creative, fun, and energetic!

- Must have experience/confidence in management/facilitation for large groups
- Enjoys the company of children ages 9-16
- Likes working outdoors—rain or shine
- 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
- Is flexible and think of their feet making last minute changes for the good of the program

Qualifications:

- BA or BS in the field of education, science, history or related experience
- Group management experience
- Experience in an educational environment
- General knowledge of the developmental needs and behavior of children
- Excellent one-on-one and large group communication skills
- Outstanding detail management
- Current CPR and First Aid certification*
- Current California Food Handler's certificate*
- Knowledge of California history and the Sierra Nevada foothills *desirable*

*May be acquired after hire

**Hours per week may vary depending on the season and availability

*If interested, please e-mail, fax or send cover letter, resume and CODS application to:
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