



# Great Basin Outdoor School

“Hands-on Discovery in the Outdoor Classroom”

## Great Basin Outdoor School Reno/Tahoe Naturalist Opening

**Our Mission:** “to ignite children’s passion for learning and foster cooperation, respect, and responsibility through hands-on discovery in the outdoor classroom”

**Position Description:** Naturalists work as lead educators at three of our programs: Tahoe Overnight Science Camp, Day Field Trips, and Adventure Day Camp seasonally or continuing throughout the year. Now hiring for winter, spring, and summer overnight science camps at Lake Tahoe, day field studies at Galena Creek, Spooner Lake, and Tahoe, and school break Adventure Day Camps the River School Farm in Reno with option to continue.

The naturalist position teaching children outdoors is seasonal and can extend to year-round with additional responsibilities. Naturalists report to the Education Director and the Day Camp Director. Naturalists have the option to work all seasons by invitation. Work between seasons and outside of program weeks is limited and involves supporting all GBOS functions. Naturalists can also be promoted to leadership positions.

Our **Tahoe Overnight Science Camp at Galilee** is an opportunity for naturalists to teach local ecology and standards-based science to school groups along the shores of Lake Tahoe and Spooner Lake. Naturalists present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, and water, wildlife and forest ecology during 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day overnight science camps. Most students are enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are divided into trail groups of about 12. Enjoy panoramic views of Lake Tahoe from staff lodging and delicious meals prepared by the Galilee staff, all while spending plenty of time outdoors! Please note that staff lodging and meals are ONLY offered during overnight programs.

The **Day Field Trips** are mini versions of our overnight trips that take place at Galena Creek or Spooner Lake State Park. Students go on a short hike or snowshoe with their naturalist trail group while stopping for engaging activities and observing the natural environment surrounding them. Day program hours are usually about 9:30am-1:30pm.

**Adventure Day Camp** is held at The River School Farm in Reno for children aged 6-12. It is an opportunity for kids to have fun outdoors, interact with science, and learn to appreciate nature during school break weeks. Naturalist hours are from approximately 8:30am-4:30pm.

**Compensation:** \$130 per day for full days, extra for overnights, and half for half days

## **Qualifications:**

- Recommend Bachelor's degree, preferably in natural sciences or education
- Experience working directly with children in an educational setting
- Background in natural sciences, conservation, or environmental education
- Passion for kids and the natural world
- Organized, detail-oriented, self-directed, and dynamic
- Able to respond appropriately in crisis and problem-solve under pressure
- Hold current CPR and First Aid certification by start date
- Ability to pass a federal background check
- Valid driver's license and transportation

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Plan and present a hands-on, experiential, inquiry-based program in earth sciences, astronomy, water, wildlife, and forest ecology based on GBOS curriculum and state educational standards.
- Integrate other subject areas, group process, individual growth, and commitment to responsible use and protection of the environment.
- Ensure and maintain appropriate student behavior by setting clear expectations and consequences in accordance with GBOS discipline policies.
- Coordinate and participate in whole group activities such as ShareRing, skits, meals, and opening/closing circles.
- Ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all participants including students, parents, guest presenters, volunteers, etc.
- Respond appropriately in a crisis and problem-solve under pressure.
- Work and communicate effectively as a team member with other GBOS staff, parents, volunteers, guest presenters, volunteers, etc.
- Ability to use program equipment and materials responsibly
- Ability to communicate orally with and provide necessary instructions to students, parents, volunteers, other staff, and guest presenters
- Ability to traverse uneven and difficult terrain
- Ability to work long hours outdoors while being active & energetic
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds

## **EMPLOYMENT DETAILS**

Naturalists are exempt, at-will employees of GBOS, and are supervised by the on-site Director. GBOS reserves the right to revise or change job duties as the need arises. This is a seasonal position. Great Basin Outdoor School is an equal opportunity employer.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and the emails and phone numbers of three professional references to [Education@greatbasin-os.org](mailto:Education@greatbasin-os.org).