



## **Environmental Learning for Kids**

### **Position Description**

**Job Title:** Urban Ranger

**Location:** ELK Education Center/Montbello Open Space Park

**Status:** Part-time non-exempt, Seasonal

**Reports To:** Urban Ranger Supervisor

### **Background**

ELK (Environmental Learning for Kids) is an inclusive non-profit organization that develops inspired and responsible leaders through science education and outdoor experiences for underrepresented, youth ages 5-25. ELK Inspires youth to have high expectations of themselves by exposing them to the outdoors and engaging them in service-learning projects. For many of the youth ELK serves, it's their first experience with the outdoors. ELK educates youth through science and environmental education embedded in all programs and activities to further students' understanding and attitudes toward science, the outdoors, their communities, college, and careers. ELK transforms youth by endowing them with increased academic skills, civic and community leadership, environmental stewardship, and employment opportunities.

### **Job Summary**

Urban Rangers employment program is a partnership between Environmental Learning for Kids and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Urban Rangers will gain valuable experience in teaching outdoor curriculum, conducting fishing clinics, activating the Montbello Open Space Park, leading community outreach programs, assisting with the prep of educational programs, participating in professional development, and will participate fully in ELK's summer programming. Urban Rangers will be introduced to careers within the STEM field and have the opportunity to network and gain professional development experience. This is a 30-39 hour a week position, Tuesday-Saturday work week, June 1st through mid-August.

### **Major Duties and Responsibilities**

#### **Programs –100% of employee's time (100% Programs)**

Deliver educational programs around natural resources and outdoor-based curriculum, including aquatic ecology and fishing clinics, Colorado wildlife education programs, and other community and outreach programs.

Conduct fishing clinics

Demonstrate knowledge of basic fish biology and fishing techniques (training provided)

Assemble fishing rods

Clean up fishing equipment and working site

Assist with ELK year-round programs happening both on-site at the Montbello Open Space Park and off-site throughout Colorado.

Leading programs at the Montbello Open Space Park

Be a leader for community outreach events

Attend two overnight trips

Participate in stewardship work including; trail maintenance, forest mitigation, installation of a pollinator garden, etc.

Be professional and accountable

Contribute to a positive, productive workplace through open communication, problem-solving, a sense of humor, adventurous spirit, and dedication to achieving ELK's goals and mission.

Performs other duties as assigned

### **Required Qualifications**

*Education:* Must be currently enrolled in High School or College

*Experience:* Must have an interest in working outdoors and with youth

CBI/FBI Background check required. Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions for extended periods of time. Must be able to lift 30 lbs. occasionally.

*Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:*

Must be available to work full season: June- mid-August

Ability to speak clearly and comfortably to large groups of children and adults

Enjoy interacting and presenting to kids who are participating in fishing /educational programs

Excellent interpersonal, leadership, and written and oral communication skills

Team Player who is open-minded and flexible

Interest in the outdoors- no previous experience required

Interest in working with youth

Responsible for transportation to and from the Montbello Open Space Park

Spanish speaking is a plus

Willingness to be outdoors for extended periods of time

Integrating inclusive practices into all of our work and creating an inclusive work environment are core values for ELK. ELK is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from underrepresented youth.

**To Apply**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Jeremy Sifuentes at [jsifuentes@elkkids.org](mailto:jsifuentes@elkkids.org)

Applications are due by Saturday, April 30th at 11:59 pm