



Environmental Learning for Kids

Position Description

Job Title: Urban Ranger

Reports To: Urban Ranger Supervisor

Location: ELK Office, 12680 Albrook Dr. Denver, CO 80239

Status: Hourly, 30-39 hours per week for the 2024 summer season. Possible extension of opportunities into the fall.

Compensation: 19.29 - \$20.00 per hour, plus benefits described below.

To Apply: Please email a cover letter, resume, and three references to the Kaartik Gupta, urbanrangers@elkkids.org. Accepting applications beginning April 1st. Deadline is Sunday, April 30th at 11:59 pm.

Background

Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) is a local nonprofit that creates a sense of belonging, self-discovery, and adventure in the outdoors for underrepresented young people of color and their families, transforming youth into environmental stewards and trailblazers that promote equitable outdoor access, sustainable practices, and community uplift. ELK programs introduce, immerse, educate, and mentor youth ages 5-25 and their families to Colorado's natural resources and science-related careers. Most return year after year to join ELK's community of learners. ELK offers a mosaic of programs that serve as stepping-stones for young leaders and engaged environmental stewards of today and tomorrow.

Job Summary

Urban Rangers employment program is a partnership between Environmental Learning for Kids, federal land management agencies, and nonprofits that focus on STEM and/or natural resources. 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 also be introduced to careers within the STEM fields and will have opportunities to network and gain professional development experience. In addition, two applicants will be selected to be "Lead Rangers" based on experience and interest.

Major Duties and Responsibilities

Programs – 100% of employee's time

- 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.
- Lead and assist with ELK year-round programs happening both on-site at the Montbello Open Space Park and off-site throughout Colorado.
- Aid and facilitate community outreach events.
- Participate in stewardship work including trail maintenance, forest mitigation, etc.
- Act as a professional and accountable leader in the community.

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

Qualifications

- Must have an interest in working outdoors and with youth.
- Must be between the ages of 15-24.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to lift 30 lbs. occasionally.

Other Requirements: CBI/FBI Background check required (fingerprinting facilitated upon job offer).

Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Must be available to work full summer season: June to early-August.
- Ability to speak clearly and comfortably to large groups of children and adults.
- Excellent interpersonal, leadership, 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.
- Able to find transportation to and from ELK's Office, 12680 Albrook Dr. Denver, CO 80239.
- Willingness to be outdoors for extended periods of time.
- Spanish speaking is a plus.

Benefits

- Paid time-off.
- Sick leave.
- Professional development.