Instructors for HSU Natural History Museum Summer Youth Programs

Humboldt State University Natural History Museum is seeking instructors for 15 summer youth programs for 2012. Six weeks of museum classes for children ages 4-17 will be offered between June 25 and August 10. There will be no classes July 2-6. The museum has one lead instructor and one teaching assistant for every class. The lead instructor will be paid and the teaching assistant is a volunteer. The 4-5 year old classes have 5-10 students. These classes are offered from 10am-noon. The 6-9 year old classes have 6-12 students. These classes are offered from 1pm-4pm. Possible class topics chosen for this summer include Birds, Beaks & Beyond, Redwood Rangers, Nature Detectives, Geology Rocks, and Science Explorers.

The Natural History Museum and Center Activities will offer two weeks of camp in partnership. These will be full-day camps (8:30am-5:30pm) for children ages 10-17. Camp titles are Headwater to the Ocean and Trekking & Tracking. The museum staff will teach place-based environmental education throughout the week.

Duties: Instructors will design class outlines (under supervision of museum education team), plan and prepare activities, acquire necessary supplies within budget, teach the class, clean up after class and attend training sessions to prepare for the summer youth programs. The instructor will be expected to design classes based on the philosophy of encouraging individual exploration and discovery by providing many different types of experiences (experiments, discussion, movement, stories, and crafts). Activities are developed to appeal to different learning styles and students are encouraged to use many of their senses. Our goal is to make learning about the natural world through science a fun and lasting experience.

Requirements for instructors: Junior or senior completing a BS in natural sciences or BA in education. Credential candidates and previous museum education interns are encouraged to apply. Must have at least two years experience working with children in a learning environment (preschool, school, camp, museum, or nature center). Must have experience in developing lesson plans or teaching curriculum.

Pay: Range $16 - $18/hr for instruction depending on experience. ~ 25 hrs of instruction per week.

To apply: Send a cover letter and resume including a detailed list of instructional experience along with two references familiar with your work with children. In your cover letter include which class topics you would be most interested in teaching and the weeks you would be available to teach between June 25 and August 10. Those selected for an interview will be asked for additional materials.

Send to or drop off at the museum application materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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If you have questions please contact Jennifer Ortega, Education Coordinator at (707) 826-4470 or jennifer.ortega@humboldt.edu.

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Deadline for applications is April 13, 2012