

Kenai Watershed Forum Job Announcement – Education Specialist

Job Title: Education Specialist, Full-time 40 hrs./week plus generous benefit package; flexible work place a, Pay DOE.

Recruitment Dates: August 22nd to September 9th, 2022.

About Kenai Watershed Forum: The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is recognized as the regional watershed organization of the Kenai Peninsula, successfully identifying and addressing the needs of the region by providing high quality education, restoration, and research programs. KWF's mission is "working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula." KWF is a dynamic organization dedicated to our rivers, streams and surrounding communities of the Kenai Peninsula and State of Alaska. Working hand-in-hand with other non-profits, government agencies, philanthropic foundations and corporate entities has effectively and strategically protected and improved our watersheds, producing rivers rich with life for future generations.

Position Summary: KWF Education Program is one of pillars of our organization providing accessible information to local community and visitors; alongside science based and watershed stewardship programs. The education specialist will coordinate the organization's current educational programs and work collaboratively within KWF to further its overall mission and vision. This position reports directly to KWF's Executive Director.

The candidate will be responsible for all aspects of educational curriculum development, lesson planning and delivery in classroom and outdoor settings, proposal and project development, grant writing, participating in regional partnership efforts, managing support staff and completing required grant and contract reporting and documentation.

Position Workload Allocation,

40% managing KWF's Adopt-A-Stream and Jr. Stream Program,

30% managing KWF's Summer Camp

20% program and new project development

10% other duties, not limited to Kenai River Festival, staff training, cross program assistance.

Qualifications: require and desired

- BA/BS degree with focus on education and/or environmental field- Desired
- 1-3 years of professional experience educating youth -Desired
- Experience developing and implementing environmental curriculum- Desired
- Demonstrated ability in organizational and communication skills- Required
- Solid verbal and written communication skills, with a proven ability to manage a diverse classroom and age-range of children -Required
- The ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with multiple Stakeholders- Required
- Knowledge of basic outdoor skills including being "bear-aware" in bear country. -Required
- Familiarity with other peninsula-wide outdoor locations suitable for kids' activities. -Desired
- Possess a valid driver's license and satisfactory driving record -Required

KWF's staff work in a highly collaborative environment, with a diversity of partners, supporters and community members. The candidate expected to work independently and should be a self-starter capable of communicating technical and non-technical information to a variety of audiences.

For More Information: contact Mitch Michaud (executivedirector@kenaiwatershed.org) or visit <https://kenaiwatershed.org/>.