

Job Title: Jr. Stream Watch Technician
Duration: April-September - Seasonal, Full-Time
Compensation: \$18.25/hr
Deadline to Apply: 5pm AKST, February 17th, 2023



**KENAI
WATERSHED
FORUM**



Organization and Program Description:

The Kenai Watershed Forum is an environmental non-profit located in Soldotna, Alaska whose mission is “Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula”. With eight permanent employees, KWF utilizes a non-adversarial approach, focusing on solutions through high quality research, education, and restoration programs to meet the evolving needs of the region. Stream Watch, one of KWF’s longest running programs, is a national award-winning volunteer program that promotes river stewardship on the Kenai Peninsula. Stream Watch is currently working to expand and reach a new demographic through the Jr. Stream Watch program. This new initiative focuses on high school students to encourage stewardship of our waterways. Volunteers will monitor popular fishing sites, install and maintain riparian plant protective fencing, remove riverside litter, remove fish passage barriers, complete erosion control projects and provide riverside educational messages on fishing regulations and cold-water fish habitat protection to create life-long, knowledgeable habitat stewards. For more information, visit www.kenaiwatershed.org or find us on Facebook.

Position Description:

The primary purpose of this position is to facilitate the Jr. Stream Watch Program. The technician will report directly to the Education Specialist and Stream Watch Coordinator. The Jr. Stream Watch program is a new initiative engaging local youth in Stewardship, Safety, and Science. This position includes working regularly with volunteers, interns, and the general public at designated Stream Watch sites, outreach events, educational booths, and stewardship days.

Essential Job Functions:

- Facilitate Junior Stream Watch Program (70%)
 - Supervise youth ages 13-18 during Jr. Stream Watch volunteer site visits. These visits include surveys, data collection, trash cleanup, invasive species monitoring, outreach, and site maintenance.
 - Work with partners to identify program needs, and promote program development.
 - Provide a safe work environment for volunteers and ensure safety protocols are adhered to.
 - Acquire photos and organize them for use by Jr. Stream Watch, Stream Watch, and Kenai Watershed Forum staff in promotional materials.
 - Catalog accurate records of volunteer activities, liability waivers, and maintain Stream Watch database.
 - Report site and program metrics to coordinators at bi-weekly meetings.
- Assist with Stream Watch duties (20%)
 - Maintain Stream Watch equipment and supply inventory. Inform coordinators on necessary purchases.
 - Write Stream Watch newsletter articles, Facebook posts, and other social media releases.
 - Support facilitation of volunteer training and end of season appreciation events.
 - Implement a volunteer-based stewardship event focused around improving fish habitat.
- Other duties as assigned (10%)
 - Contribute to other KWF programs as needed, including Invasive Species, Water Quality, and Education.
 - Aid in the planning and implementation of the Kenai River Festival.

Qualifications:

- 1-3 years of experience or a Bachelor's degree in the following or closely related fields: communications, volunteer management, community outreach, marketing, environmental education, environmental science, marine biology, or fisheries.
- Excellent professional communication and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent organizational and team coordination abilities.
- Have a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and ability to drive multiple hours for work.
- Comfort working outside in bear country for multiple hours in varied weather and terrain.
- Willingness and flexibility to work weekends and evenings.
- Compliance with Kenai Watershed Forum, program, and partner policies/procedures.
- Ability to work outdoors, walk 2+ miles, and have the physical skills to perform restoration activities involving lifting (50lbs), bending, digging, working with tools, etc.

Qualities of an Ideal Candidate:

- Experience and knowledge of Kenai Peninsula Fisheries.
- Organized and able to work independently and as a team.
- Enthusiasm for and belief in the Stream Watch mission and the mission of KWF.
- Experience working with community groups and volunteers.
- Experience teaching in both indoor and outdoor settings.
- Able to present ideas effectively both in written and oral forms.

To apply, send resume, cover letter, and contact information for three references to [Katey Shedden at education@kenaiwatershed.org](mailto:education@kenaiwatershed.org) by 5pm AKST Feb 17th, 2023.