



Effie Yeaw Nature Center

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American River Natural History Association / Effie Yeaw Nature Center Job Description

Associate Naturalist

Summary

Effie Yeaw Nature Center naturalists instill an interest in the environment and natural world, by helping the public understand the cultural, natural and scientific significance of the Lower American River. They do this by highlighting historical, ecological or scientific features of outdoor surroundings through nature walks, educational programs, and kids' camps. Our associate naturalists (AN) lead weekday tours of the nature center, present natural and cultural history programs, and serve as the lead organizational representative when scheduled as the "Naturalist on Duty" in the Visitor Center. This is a part-time position, averaging 20 hours a week, including weekends. One weekend day per week is required.

Details

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center has a reputation for high-quality public and school-based educational programs led by friendly, knowledgeable staff. For over 40 years, the naturalists at Effie Yeaw Nature Center (operated by ARNHA) have connected elementary school students and the general public with the natural and cultural history of the Lower American River. These classes are conducted within our 100 acre preserve; at unique locations within the Parkway; and in school classrooms and virtually. In the summer and during fall, winter and spring school breaks, naturalists run nature camps for K through 8th graders.

Responsibilities:

- Present on-site and offsite programs for elementary school children, as well as the general public.
- Plan and lead full and half-day kids' camps.
- Conduct Nature Area Tours;
- Assist with classroom programs and, when ready, lead each classroom program under the supervision of a naturalist or lead naturalist;
- Assist with aspects of the Maidu Cultural Heritage Programs and Saturday parent/teacher workshops;
- Assist in animal care and competently handle one or more raptors;
- Assist with the operation of the visitor center as both a receptionist and a Naturalist on Duty (NOD), which will include presenting programs to family groups on weekends;
- Appropriately communicate with teachers and administrators to insure that program details are understood by all involved;
- Assist with special events – including those on evenings and weekends.
- Each Naturalist will be assigned appropriate additional tasks/projects which support the mission of the organization. Examples include:
 - Caring for the aquatic invertebrates used in programs
 - Coordinating the replacement of interpretive trail signs
 - Maintaining museum exhibit areas



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Skills and Knowledge:

- A love for the environment and the ability to share that passion and knowledge with the public.
- Training, work experience or education in a science-related field is helpful, but not required.
- Must be comfortable making presentations, giving lectures and leading tours.
- Ability to identify and describe points of interests to groups (especially children) in a way that will hold their interest.
- Teaching experience is helpful.
- Patience and tact are a must. Groups of children on a field trip can be challenging to manage/lead.
- Ability to be flexible, level-headed and to make on-the-spot adjustments to a program or schedule.
- The staff at the Nature Center work together daily, juggling various programs and tasks and supporting one another. If you enjoy working on strong, passionate teams, this may be the job for you!

Compensation:

- This position starts at \$14.00 per hour.

Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to kenta@sacnaturecenter.net .
Application materials are reviewed on a rolling basis.