

We have an opening on the program team at Olympic Park Institute! Please forward on to anyone you think would be interested in the opportunity to work at OPI---Thanks!



**Employment Opportunity
Elwha Science Education Coordinator
Olympic Park Institute**

This is a full time position with Olympic Park Institute (OPI), a campus of the Yosemite National Institutes (YNI). YNI is a nationally recognized leader in the field of experiential environmental education, providing educational adventures in nature's classroom to inspire a personal connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. YNI conducts programs for more than 40,000 participants annually at its three campuses: Headlands Institute in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, near San Francisco, Olympic Park Institute in Olympic National Park, WA, and Yosemite Institute in Yosemite National Park, CA.

SUMMARY: The Elwha Science Education Coordinator is a full-time, exempt position responsible for developing and implementing programs for the Elwha Science Education Project. The ESEP uses the Elwha River's dam removal and restoration as educational context for a diversity of scientific and social studies for North Olympic watersheds and students. This position will work closely with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and OPI's Field Research Project Manager to support science education goals for tribal youth and their North Olympic communities. With funding expected from the National Science Foundation for the next five years, the focus of this position will be planning, teaching, and coordinating science programs in the Elwha River watershed, regional classrooms and the Lower Elwha Klallam's Tribal Center. Educational activities led by this position could include: field science investigations, tutoring, backcountry camping, college visits, conference presentations, classroom teaching, and event planning. This position will report to the Field Research Project Manager for Olympic Park Institute and is based in Port Angeles, Washington.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and local school districts to provide relevant science education for tribal youth and other students in their schools.
- Design and implement field programming for the Elwha Science Education Project.
- Develop science education curriculum for middle and high school.
- Coordinate program logistics in Port Angeles, Sequim and Crescent school districts.
- Teach in the field or classroom depending on need and structure of the programs.
- Help maintain excellent relationships with partner organizations.
- Support and assist on trainings for teachers and tribal staff, including workshops specific to the region and Elwha science curriculum focus.
- Support logistics for OPI's ecological monitoring study of the Elwha River restoration, including: implementing data collection protocols, maintaining scientific equipment, and using OPI's database for education programming.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in biological or earth sciences.
- A minimum of three years related work experience, including two or more years participating in a field science project or teaching Environmental Education for non-traditional audiences.
- Demonstrated strong written and spoken communication skills.
- Current CPR and Wilderness First Responder certification or higher.
- Strong knowledge and interest working with native tribes from the Pacific Northwest's coast.
- Curriculum development experience desired.
- Experience multi-tasking and overseeing projects from planning to completion.

Compensation: Position is full time, salaried, and based on experience.

YNI is dedicated to providing a comprehensive benefits package, including, medical and dental benefits, generous vacation and the opportunity to work in beautiful national parks.

Recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce is a high priority at YNI. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter and resume by 5pm on **Sunday May 13th, 2007:**

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