

ORIENTATION PACKET

Guest Naturalist Position



LA LUCENA

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CENTRO DE EDUCACIÓN A CAMPO
ASCOCHINGA, SIERRAS CHICAS DE CÓRDOBA



Resident Naturalist

La Lucena Environmental Learning Center

Cordoba, Argentina, South America

Job Type: Temporary

Visit us at: www.lalucena.org

Salary Details: Based on experience

Dates of Employment: February- June *and/or* August- December

Housing: Provided on-site furnished house

About La Lucena:

At La Lucena we believe that environmental education is *the* method to cultivating social change based on a fundamental respect of the connections between humans and the natural world. Experiential education develops learners' ability to interpret the changes of their ecosystems, and develop the skills and intuition required to create integral sustainable development within their communities. At La Lucena, we think of developing sustainability as a means of change in both the learner and the larger environment. Further, we seek to develop the student's self-identity as a change agent within their communities, both human and ecological.

La Lucena is Argentina's *first* and *only* residential Environmental Learning Center, with 27 years of experience in delivering quality curriculum. Programs typically run Monday- Friday and are designed to connect students to our natural world. We are located in the heart of the country in the province of Córdoba, nestled into the Sierras Chicas mountain range. The Resident Naturalist incorporates academics with team building activities for students to apply at their school and home. Each naturalist will work with groups of 10-15 bilingual students, ages 10-18 years. Applicants should possess experience working with children, knowledge of our natural world, and interest in multicultural experiences.

Primary Duties/ Responsibilities:

- Lead students in outdoor settings through experiential learning
- Educate students about natural systems and ecology
- Lead students through community building exercises with appropriate debriefing
- Demonstrate by example responsible environmental actions
- Manage student's safety and group dynamics for positive outcomes
- Be willing to spend time working in gardens and/or green house cultivating trees for our reforestation efforts
- On occasion, La Lucena collaborates with rural schools to create outdoor learning spaces for gardening and classes
- Other duties as assigned



Required Education, Experience, & Certificates:

- Bachelor's Degree in science, environmental studies, education, or related field (preferred)
- Working experience with environmental education or residential outdoor education
- Informal or formal teaching experience along with appearing as a workplace professional
- Ability to perform physically challenging work and hikes in the outdoors
- Ability to work flexible hours, including occasional evenings and weekends
- Work experience with racial and ethnic minority groups, English Language Learners, and low-income, rural communities
- Enthusiasm and flexibility
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Basic Spanish knowledge is a bonus

Dailey Schedule:

The day is divided into three sections (Morning, Afternoon, Evening) and naturalists will work two of the three sections. * This is an example of a basic schedule; it may change based on individual school's desires. *

8:00- Breakfast

9:00-12:00 – Morning Classes (Forest Studies, River Health, Water Cycle, Seed Germination, Tree Planting, Initiatives, Observational Skills, Hiking, etc.)

12:30-2:00- Lunch & Siesta

2:00-5:00- Afternoon Classes

5:15- 6:30 – Free Time

6:30- 7:30- Dinner

7:30- 9:00- Night activity & Tea-time

Training and Compensation

After arrival to La Lucena, Residential Naturalists will receive training on class expectations and programming, while also learning the natural history of the Sierras Chicas. Naturalists will also learn more about the current projects La Lucena is involved in and where additional work is needed. Naturalists will also be trained informally and formally throughout the duration at La Lucena.

This is a paid position with housing provided, and when schools are at La Lucena naturalists are provided meals. Work-related local transportation, including pick-up from the Córdoba airport or bus terminal, is covered. Naturalists are responsible for their international travel to Argentina.



How to Apply

The following are required to apply for this position

- A cover letter of interest
- A Current CV/Resume
- Approved applicants will be requested a skype interview

Send above documents in PDF format to Peter Dunn at: peter@lalucena.org