

Field Educator



Love peaceful southwest sunsets....Shared with a group of 30 teenagers? Then this job is for you! We're looking for passionate and experienced educators who are interested in throwing down a season in the American Southwest! Our staff team comes from a huge diversity of backgrounds including art, music, science, farming, wilderness experiences, and more and works with youth ranging from kindergarten through high school. Your day-to-day and week-to-week responsibilities will change with our programs and you'll be able to spend the overwhelming majority of your time outside working with incredible colleagues and amazing youth.

Job Objective: Provide excellent outdoor education programming; support other members of trek teams in spring, summer, and fall in all aspects of field education.

Responsibilities:

Fall/Spring:

- Lead and support outdoor education expeditions across the American Southwest, including in frontcountry and backcountry settings, ranging from single day programs to multi-week programs
- Plan and execute effective outdoor programming for a variety of audiences
- Manage risk in line with CGE's practices in the field
- Provide medical care within trained scope of practice
- Participate in the maintaining and repairing of our gear fleet
- Cook for groups of 10-50 participants (not required of all staff)
- Teach LNT principles/environmental ethics to groups of youth
- Drive large vehicles (pickup trucks, 15-passenger vans) on a variety of roads
- Assist with office responsibilities as needed
- Additional responsibilities as assigned

Summer Expeditions:

- Lead and support outdoor education expeditions across the American Southwest, including in frontcountry and backcountry settings, ranging from single day programs to multi-week programs
- Specific role in summer programs will be determined based on employee's skills and interests and the staffing needs of the organization.

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age by the position start date and possess a valid driver's license. Must have a clean driving history and be able to meet the criteria for CGE vehicle insurance coverage.
- Experience as an educator, risk manager, group cook, artist, interpreter, scientist, or adventurer preferred.
- WFA or ability to acquire within 60 days of hire; WFR/WEMT preferred.

- Strong organizational skills; experience with Google Drive.
- Must be able to live at Base Camp or travel with a group during the summer. Work hours are frequently outside of traditional office hours
- Ability to communicate effectively and professionally with a wide range of audiences (fellow staff, teachers, students, etc.).
- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously and independently.
- We believe outdoor education takes many different forms; your unique skills and experiences will be considered and valued!

Reports To: Program Directors (Contract Courses and Open Enrollment); Group Leaders (When in the field)

Leadership or Supervisory Duties: This person will not have leadership/supervisory duties at the start of their employment; opportunities for growth exist.

Criminal Background Check: Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions requires criminal background checks from all employees.

Work Location: Albuquerque, NM (May to June; mid-August to May); Thoreau, NM (June to mid-August)

Starting Date: Various start dates, from March 22nd-June 1st.

Schedule and Workload Responsibilities: This position is anticipated to be 85% field education and 15% office/support work, with monthly and seasonal variation. 12 week commitment minimum; up to 9 month contracts available. *Must be available June 1st-August 15th.*

Physical Requirements: Ability to hike up to 8 miles a day on uneven surfaces and carry a pack up to 50 pounds. Sleep in a tent or open-air cabin accessed by stairs.

Compensation: Salary range starts at \$1300/Month for full-time schedule. Housing in Albuquerque Bunkhouse optional from Feb-June and Aug-Oct; Housing at Thoreau Base Camp provided June-Aug. Professional development opportunities possible for staff who commit to multiple years or who are on 6+ month contracts (WFR, SPI, LNT, BICP, etc). Various Pro-Deals available to all staff.

Closing Date For Applications: Open Until Filled; Various application deadlines posted on our website. Priority will be given to applicants who apply soonest.

How to Apply: Go to this [link](#), complete online application and indicate Field Educator as position of interest.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, genetic information, and national or ethnic origin. The organization's nondiscrimination policy applies to

all phases of its employment process, its admission and financial aid programs, and to all other aspects of its educational programs and activities.