

## **SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

### **CLASS TITLE: HEAD TEACHER – OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM**

#### **DEFINITION:**

Reporting to the Principal of the Outdoor School, the Head Teacher will provide program leadership for one of the three villages that consist of ~120 students, 8 classified instructors, 2 overnight cabin leaders and 4 visiting classroom teachers.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:**

##### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Providing program leadership for one of the three villages that consist of ~120 students, 8 classified instructors, 2 overnight cabin leaders and 4 visiting classroom teachers, and other duties as assigned by the outdoor school principal.

##### **NON-ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **CREDENTIALS, CERTIFICATES, LICENSES OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of or eligibility for a valid California teaching credential and English Learner authorization. Applicants must be eligible for a valid California driver's license. CPR and First Aid certification are required.

#### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

It is highly desirable that applicants have a strong natural science background and experience working in a residential outdoor education program or related experiences as well as having taught in the classroom.

#### **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:** various evaluation and assessment techniques and instruments in the educational needs and interests for students in the areas of outdoor education and recreational activities.

**ABILITY TO:** write and teach effective outdoor education lesson plans to elementary students; design and implement effective pre and post testing materials to confirm curriculum is designed and delivered effectively; conduct periodic in-service training and demonstration teaching for classified staff to improve/develop their instructional skills; assist in the evaluation of classified staff as assigned by the site principal; communicate effectively orally and in writing; work with students from diverse ethnic backgrounds; work effectively with children who are homesick or have discipline issues; meet the program expectations of the visiting classroom teachers; motivate specialists to perform at their highest level in spite of inclement weather, repetition, schedule changes etc.; write and implement complex staffing schedules; utilize technology at a high level to accomplish program goals.

#### **WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL ABILITIES:**

Outdoor, cabin and classroom settings. Outdoor schools are located in the remote mountain areas of San Diego County. Must be available to work varying assignments in the 24-hour residential school schedule, including regular overnight assignments.

Must be able to hear and speak to exchange information; see to perform assigned duties; sit or stand for extended periods of time; possess dexterity of hands and fingers to operate equipment and perform assigned duties; kneel, stoop, bend at the waist, and reach overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally, to retrieve and store files and supplies and use cleaning materials; lift and move moderately heavy objects; lead extended mountain hikes; walk on uneven surfaces.

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