

Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy Resident Naturalist

The Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy is a youth science education program based at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island and operated by the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Our mission is to *inspire the next generation of environmental stewards* through overnight science programs and Educational Outreach Partnerships. Our students come from public, private, charter, and homeschool organizations. We serve students in grades 5th through 12th every Spring and Fall.

Job Information:

- This is a seasonal position.
 - Fall season is August 20 – October 31, 2023 (with a potential extension to November 12)
- 30 – 40 hours per week.
- Naturalists must reside on-site at Camp Emerald Bay in staff housing. Housing and meals are provided on site subject to a weekly deduction of \$218.59.
- Naturalists are employed by the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- Pay is \$18/hour.

All-Staff Responsibilities:

- Provide exceptional customer service to all student and adult chaperone program participants.
- Maintain professionalism in the workplace and around camp.
- Attempt the American Red Cross Lifeguard certification provided on-site during staff training week.
- Instruct courses for students attending 3, 4, and 5-day overnight outdoor education programs.
- Provide lifeguarding for Outdoor Academy and other Emerald Bay programs.
- Provide basic first aid.
- Clean and maintain camp equipment and course materials.
- Assist with the general cleanup and cleaning of camp.
- Participate in staff trainings.
- Participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Assist with meal serving when assigned.
- Provide retail help in the Ship's Store training post when assigned.
- Other duties as assigned in camp may include work projects and providing staff assistance for non-Academy groups such as YMCA weekend groups.

Naturalist Specific Responsibilities:

- Instruct courses for students attending 3, 4, or 5-day overnight outdoor education programs. Instruction includes course and material setup/cleanup, managing group dynamics, being knowledgeable in content and lesson plans, and managing group safety.
 - Course Training is provided.
 - Courses include (but are not limited to):
 - Kelp Forest Exploration (classroom and activity component of kayak, paddleboard, or snorkel)
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Island Biogeography

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Environmental Literacy at the Gem of Catalina

- Astronomy
 - Nocturnal Wonderland
 - Science labs: Ichthyology (fish dissection), oil spills cleanup, plankton lab
 - Marine Invertebrates & Intertidal Zonation
 - Hiking
 - Archery
 - Team Building
- Oversee instruction for 1 animal group at a time with an average of 16 students. Instruction also includes group management such as ensuring students are prepared, engaging students in the activities and curriculums, and collaborating with chaperones and the Outdoor Academy Leadership Team when difficult youth behaviors arise.
 - Assist with curriculum development when needed.
 - Actively grow in knowledge of relevant science content and natural history of Catalina Island.

Benefits

- First and last boat ticket to and from Catalina Island are provided.
- Hourly salary is \$18 per hour.
- Housing and meals provided subject to a weekly salary deduction of \$218.59.
 - Most staff reside in Bunk Cabins, with 3 staff per bunk room which is connected to another 3-person room via a shared bathroom and shower. Visit the facilities page for photos: <https://www.campemeraldbay.org/facilities/#1599675911977-3b4e7ad1-d67e>
- Access to world class waterfront and the rugged West End of Catalina Island.
- Use of facilities and recreational equipment during off hours.
- Training opportunities include American Red Cross with CPR/First Aid/Waterfront components and Catalina Naturalist.
- Paid leave is not provided as this is a short-term position however off-island travel may be accommodated with advanced notice.

Qualifications:

- College degree (or near completion) in environmental or marine sciences, recreation, education, or related field.
- 21+
- Passion for outdoors and education.
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Certified preferred (training provided if not certified).
- Previous experience working with youth in an outdoor or STEM setting.
- Flexibility as job demands can change quickly.
- Ability to work long, physically and mentally demanding days which include a variety of land and water-based activities.
- Self-starter, able to work independently and in a group.
- Desire to learn and grow professionally and contribute to a growing program.
- Ability to pass background check.

To Apply:

- Send Resume, Cover Letter, and three Professional References to Program Director Burton Miller at burton.miller@scouting.org