



**JOIN OUR GROWING NETWORK OF PUBLIC LANDS PROFESSIONALS WHO LEND THEIR EXPERTISE AT KMTA'S FLAGSHIP YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PORTAGE VALLEY.**

## **ALASKA OUTDOOR SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR FIELD INSTRUCTORS!**



### **FIELD INSTRUCTOR BENEFITS**

- Explore alongside students and investigate the links and relationships between different parts of the local ecosystem.
- Expose students to new career pathways through discussion of your organization, field of study, and a "typical" day at work.
- Share your love of the outdoors and the ways you enjoy time outside.
- Network with peer agencies & organizations

### **WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?**

For many students, Outdoor School is the best three days of the year, and our field instructors are a huge part of their positive experience. Below are the participation options:

#### **OPTION 1: INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT**

**9am Wednesday - 2pm Friday:**

- Lead 4 sessions of a field study
- 1 on Wednesday afternoon,
- 2 on Thursday, and
- 1 on Friday morning.

#### **OPTION 2: TEAM COMMITMENT**

- Coordinate with your peers and colleagues to share a single field study topic (e.g. 1 person teaches on Wednesday, 1 on Thursday, 1 on Friday).

**NOTE:** These ~2-hour field study blocks are your only required time commitment but there are other activities you can participate in if you are interested. Room and board are provided if you would like to stay in Portage Valley during Outdoor School.

## WANTED?

12 FIELD INSTRUCTOR  
VOLUNTEERS  
(4 volunteers per week)

SEPTEMBER 13TH-15TH  
SEPTEMBER 20TH-22ND  
SEPTEMBER 22ND-29TH

## INTERESTED?

FILL OUT OUR  
VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

## QUESTIONS?

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### WHAT DOES “TEACHING A LESSON” ENTAIL?

Field Instructors lead 4 sessions of a field study to groups of 5th grade students. Outdoor School orientation and training is provided to all participating field instructors. This training covers outdoor classroom management techniques and how to engage students in their lessons through hands-interactive activities rather than lecturing. For your field study topic, you can choose one of the following options:

#### OPTION 1: BRING YOUR OWN LESSON PLAN

All lessons should relate to our central theme of interconnectedness and be place-based (relevant to the environment/ecosystems of Portage Valley).

All lessons should include movement activities that facilitate understanding of the lesson topic such as relay races, charades, hiking, or other types of activities. We are happy to work with you to adapt existing curriculum to incorporate these elements.

#### OPTION 2: SELECT A TOPIC FROM OUR CURRICULUM LIBRARY

Alaska Outdoor School has an extensive library of teaching resources and materials for you to select from if you do not plan to bring your own materials and lesson plan.

*Alaska Outdoor School cultivates lifelong stewardship of Alaska's public lands through immersive, experiential, place-based programming for 5th graders. Field instructors are subject experts from agencies, non-profits, businesses, and other organizations who volunteer to lead lessons at Outdoor School on topics such as glaciers, forests, salmon, and natural or cultural history. Field Instructors guide students in learning about the natural world through discovery, teaching students to rely on their observation and critical thinking skills.*