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VOULENTEER CAMPGROUND HOST

Job Description

This Eagle River United Methodist Camp (ERUMC) is located at Mile 28 Glacier Highway in Juneau, Alaska. The 48 acre camp is on the road system and offers easily accessible isolation for group or family events. This position involve working throughout the compound, maintaining facilities which are rented out to the public throughout the summer.

Within a five mile radius of the camp the topography goes from glacial ice to the tide flats and salt water of Lynn Canal making it an excellent location for outdoor camping, education and environmental studies. Marked trails lead through lowland forests to high alpine, providing an idyllic setting adventure. Adjacent to the camp are facilities at Eagle Beach State Park, and excellent trails to both Herbert and Eagle Glaciers.

Our facilities include a lodge with commercial kitchen and seating for 120, two large cabins with kitchens and sleeping areas for 20 each, five heated cabins sleeping 8 people each, and five unheated summer cabins sleeping 8 each. There's a heated washhouse with laundry, and covered fire-rings. All told our camp can accommodate up to 120 people to eat and sleep in a beautiful rustic setting.

Main Tasks: Primary duties will include assisting with the care and maintenance of the 48 acre compound. This will include lawn mowing, brush cutting, basic carpentry and construction skills, organizational skills, cleaning and maintaining the buildings. May be responsible for operating the diesel powered generator, and performing basic maintenance on many operating systems including the water and heating systems. This person will perform many maintenance duties on the buildings and grounds such as repairing doors and windows, painting buildings and picnic tables, repairing railings and foot bridges, around camp. Other duties as assigned.

Preferred Skills: A background in carpentry, safe use of hand and power tools, and basic mechanical knowledge. Prior use and maintenance of diesel powered generator systems, the ability to walk and stand for long periods of time. The ability to carry and lift loads of up to 50 pounds. Should be physically fit, willing and able to perform manual labor work and live in rustic accommodations.

Desired People: Ability to work closely with other people; possess flexibility, open-mindedness, organization skills, and enthusiasm; willingness to step in when needed and the ability to be self-motivated to learn as much as possible about the area and resources.

Housing: Volunteer hosts live in their own RV, motorhome, or trailer. Rustic cabin could be made available, showers and laundry available.

Transportation: Each volunteer is responsible for transportation to and from Alaska. If you are driving from the continental United States to Alaska, you must have a passport or other accepted documentation to travel through Canada.

Time Commitment: May 1 – August 15 or more if desired.

Qualifications: Must pass a background check, be 18 years or older, and possess a valid driver's license

Interested persons should send resumes, letter of interest and all other general inquiries to manager@methodistcamp.org

VOULENTEER CAMPGROUND HOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Do Campground Hosts Do?

Hosts are on-site representatives of ERUMC. They welcome campers, acquaint them with park facilities and regulations, answer questions on local and statewide attractions, and help visitors plan their trips. Hosts help the camp managers with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of campgrounds; this includes litter pickup, light janitorial maintenance, and repairs. Special park projects can be designed based on a host's skills and interests.

What is a Campground Host's Season?

The camping season in Alaska is generally from mid-May through mid-August. Hosts are requested to volunteer 20 - 30 hours per week for at least four to six weeks.

Where Do Hosts Live?

Volunteer hosts live in their own RV, motorhome, or trailer, at a special campsite. Because campground hosts are the "ambassadors" for ERUMC, their "residence" must be neat and well-maintained. The camp is rustic, but clean and beautiful. Each campsite has a parking pad, a picnic table, and a fire pit. Each campground has water, latrines, and trash containers. Volunteers will have access to telephone and electricity.

What Will Hosts Receive?

Campground hosts stay free in at ERUMC and have free use of all facilities. Each host or host couple will be trained by the camp managers and/or facilities manager.

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