



Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory Seeks Summer 2023 Youth Program Instructors

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL), founded in 1928 is an independent, high-altitude biological field station near Crested Butte, Colorado. Our primary mission is to advance the deep scientific understanding of nature that promotes informed stewardship of the earth. RMBL provides scientists access to diverse habitats, research and education infrastructure, a collaborative and internationally recognized scientific community, and a broad base of knowledge founded in long-term research about the ecology of mountain environments. RMBL provides programs to students from kindergarten through post doctorate.

Position Description

- Teach as part of a team of educators that lead daily, science and nature awareness programs for participants in K-2nd grade (Nature Camp) and/or 3rd-5th grade (Science Camp).
- Design, prepare and instruct age appropriate, multi-disciplinary, hands-on, student-centered, inquiry-based science and nature awareness programs that incorporate the arts, elements of engineering design, and the practices of field research.
- Attend weekly staff meetings which include curriculum planning sessions and help to create, improve and document curriculum for RMBL's youth programs.
- Meet the teaching team at the 4 way bus stop in Crested Butte each morning to greet the parents and drive the children in the RMBL van to and from Gothic (25 minutes north of Crested Butte).
- Communicate student needs with parents at pick-up and drop-off
- Prepare, set up and clean up from camp activities and help to create and maintain program props and supplies.
- Clean and maintain the Youth Science Center and outdoor teaching spaces.
- Use positive behavior management strategies and follow safe risk management guidelines and COVID prevention protocols.
- Assist with fostering learning experiences between RMBL scientists and camp participants and support youth research activities that contribute to the overall research efforts of RMBL.

Compensation and Schedule

- M-F, no weekends required. Week of July 4th off.
- Training starts on June 7th; Camp sessions run June 18th through August 11th
- 8am-4pm teaching M-TH and plan/prep hours on Friday (total of 35-40 hrs./week)
- Youth programs host fall K-12 school groups, there are also part-time opportunities to teach during the weekdays Sept.-Oct.
- \$16-\$20 per hour DOE
- **Housing is not provided**

Qualifications

- Positive, warm, energetic, kind, creative and enthusiastic team player
- Experience teaching or guiding youth and a love for working with children of all ages
- A working knowledge of environmental science and Rocky Mountain ecosystems
- Experience designing and leading experiential, project based, and/or outdoor learning activities
- Undergraduate degree or currently taking college classes in science, biology, ecology, environmental education or any STEM related field
- Clean driving record; comfortable driving 12 passenger vans with students
- Background check; 1st Aid and CPR certification (WFA or WFR preferred)
- Ability to hike 6 miles round trip starting at an elevation of 9,500ft and the ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Excellent customer service skills with the ability to be responsible and FUN!

COVID-19 Statement

All employees will be required to follow the RMBL COVID-19 health and safety plan, which will include proof of vaccination, and may include testing, symptom monitoring, isolation, mask-wearing, hand-washing, personal distancing, and group size limits. Vaccine exemptions will be considered, as required by law.

TO APPLY

Please submit a cover letter, resume and list of three references to katielawn@rmbll.org. Please mention which grades of students you would like to teach. Interviews will begin in February and continue until all positions are filled. For more information, please email Katie Lawn, Youth Programs Coordinator, katielawn@rmbll.org. Thank you!

RMBL is an Equal Opportunity Employer

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) as a recipient of Federal financial assistance is subject to the provisions of [Title IX](#).

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RMBL is required to comply with all Federal and [State Laws](#) related to verifying employment opportunity. To comply with these requirements, upon employment, RMBL will need to make copies of either your passport or both your driver's license and social security card.