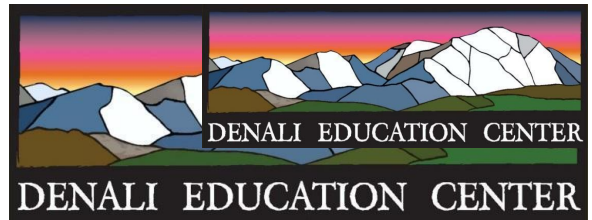


# Talkeetna Discovery Camp

## Instructor-In-Training

**Reports to:** Youth Programs Manager

**Job Duration:** 1-4 weeks; dates will be mutually agreed upon



### **DEC Overview:**

Denali Education Center (DEC) is a nonprofit organization that fosters appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of Denali National Park & Preserve wilderness and communities. DEC operates two unique educational campuses- a 10-acre campus just outside of Denali National Park and Preserve and a 3-acre campus located in the downtown area of Talkeetna, a gateway community to the park. DEC provides educational programs independently and in partnership with various organizations, including the National Park Service, Road Scholar, and Challenge Alaska.

### **Position Overview:**

Talkeetna Discovery Camp (TDC) is a week-long program taking inspiration from both Denali Discovery Camp and Wild Wonders (offered by Northern Susitna Institute in the past). TDC aims to inspire awe and exploration in young people through hikes, science, art, and just plain fun. This year we have an exciting new opportunity to take our TDC participants to a local YMCA campus to participate in activities like archery, watersports, fishing, games and more! Additionally, we will be introducing an overnight camping component to our two oldest groups, so there will be overnights involved in the last two weeks of camp. We are looking for enthusiastic high school students, or college aged students with an interest in outdoor education, to serve as Instructors-In-Training.

Each week of Talkeetna Discovery Camp will run one age group:

- Boreal Scouts (Kindergarten-1st grade): June 2-6
- Bedrock Detectives (2nd-3rd grade): June 9-13
- Susitna Explorers (4th-5th grade): June 16-20
- Mountain Voyagers (6th-8th grade): June 23-27

### **Position Responsibilities:**

- Work collaboratively with two lead camp instructors to help teach and supervise youth.
- Help campers to explore and connect with the natural world around them by assisting with facilitating hands-on environmental learning activities that are educational, fun, age-appropriate, safe, and promote and adhere to Leave No Trace principles.
- Follow and enforce risk-management protocols as outlined by DEC, YMCA, State and Federal agencies.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must be 16 or older for full time role.
- Enthusiasm for exploring the outdoors and working with children.
- A positive attitude and desire to learn from and work collaboratively with lead instructors.
- Current CPR/First Aid certification (Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid preferred) or ability to obtain is required.
- This position requires a background check before being able to work with youth.

### **Preferred Knowledge and Skills:**

- Familiarity with Talkeetna and the surrounding areas
- Previous experience with Denali or Talkeetna Discovery Camps as a camper
- Experience caring for and/or teaching children

**Compensation:** Starting wage for Instructors-in-Training is \$15/hour, wage is dependent on experience

**Disclaimer:** This position description reflects the Denali Education Center's best effort to describe the essential functions and qualifications of this job. It is not an exhaustive statement of duties, responsibilities, and qualifications, nor a contract.

**To Apply:** Email a letter of interest and resume to Caitlin Mott at [youth@denali.org](mailto:youth@denali.org). Please specify in your application which camp weeks you are available for. Preference will be given to those who can instruct all four weeks of camp.