

## Friends of Eagle River Nature Center

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### Eagle River Nature Center Summer Resident Volunteer (up to 4 positions)

**Park/Area: CHUGACH STATE PARK - EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER:** The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, wolves, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon. The Nature Center is operated by a non-profit Friends group in cooperation with Chugach State Park. The purpose of the Nature Center is to provide a safe environment in which park visitors can receive timely and accurate information and learn about the natural environment. Our priorities are friendliness, safety, and quality.

**Main Tasks:** Live at the Eagle River Nature Center and perform daily maintenance of the facility and latrines in the area. Provide indoor information services (in person and over the phone, Wednesday-Sunday); operate cash register for snack, gift, and membership sales; lead short nature hikes for small groups. Light maintenance, including watering flowers, letter pickup, cleaning restrooms/latrines, emptying trash and vacuuming.

**Special Projects:** Varies with the individual but could include leading summer recreational or naturalist programs if interested.

**Desired Skills:** Good communication skills; interest in natural history interpretation; basic first aid skills; ability to work with people and share tight communal living spaces (kitchen, bathroom); general office skills (basic computer familiarity; operation of cash register); ability to work independently; initiative; and a good sense of humor.

**Requirements:** Must be available at least 3.5 days a week, days varying, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm to work inside the center.

**Internship:** Will assist volunteer in internship requirements and paperwork.

**Allowance/Housing:** Subsistence stipend available. Housing provided in a small cabin with gas heat (no electricity) approximately 1 minute walk from the Nature Center Maintenance Building; phone (and wifi), modern kitchen, bathroom located inside the Maintenance Building shared with other volunteers and staff; shared vehicle use for running errands to Eagle River only. Must be flexible and adaptable to living conditions because several other staff and local volunteers will be in and out of the building at various times of the day. Sorry, no pets allowed.

**Time Commitment:** May 1-Mid July or Mid July-September 30. Exceptions may be made for those wishing to stay May 1-September 30.

**Note:** Additional information about the Nature Center is located at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org). For specific questions contact Laura Kruger, Manager at [admin@ernc.org](mailto:admin@ernc.org). (Please include "Volunteer Inquiry" in the subject line). You may send applications up to one year in advance. **We prefer to follow-up on preliminary applications by e-mail.**

**Application requirements:** A completed Alaska State Parks application must be submitted (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/vip/>). A short cover letter and resume limited to one page may also be mailed or emailed to Laura Kruger, Manager ERNC. Please do not send any additional information.

**Send or email Cover/Letter and Resume to:** Laura Kruger, Manager  
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