



Lead Teacher Aim High Environmental Homes (AHEH)

POSITION SUMMARY

Working in the outdoors everyday, a Lead Teacher (LT) of AHEH plans and facilitates lessons throughout the AHEH week, and is responsible for maintaining a physically and emotionally safe situation for all participating students. LTs are fully aware of necessary logistics and time schedules that must be adhered to in order to keep the AHEH week running smoothly. LTs help to ensure that Aim High's Core Values (CORE) of Community, Opportunity, Respect and High Expectations are brought to life for students and fellow staff members. LTs deliver curriculum that is hands-on, relevant and interesting to youth, and that builds skills necessary for success in high school. AHEH LTs help students make connections between their work in the field and their work in the classroom. LTs also provide guidance and support for AHEH Teaching Interns as they learn to be an outdoor educator. This is a six-week position; one week of training and five weeks teaching middle school students. LTs are responsible for their own transportation to/from a designated meeting place.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- LTs lead 2.5-hour orientations for each new group of students entering their AHEH week.
- LTs lead 10-20 students on a day hike, with the support of an AHEH Teaching Intern and a campus teacher.
- LTs plan and facilitate activities and mini-lessons that correlate with the place-based AHEH curriculum.
- Possible themes of these lessons/activities are: stewardship, local ecology, biodiversity, community and team building.
- LTs manage student behavior and focus on engaging students when working with AHEH program partners (Habitat restoration specialists, native craft specialists, park rangers, etc.)
- LTs are confident in keeping students safe, comfortable and engaged in the field, even in unexpected situations.
- LTs are responsible for leading activities and keeping the group on schedule during the overnight, while maintaining a physically and emotionally safe environment for all students and staff. o LTs are required to attend all first week faculty trainings, end of day staff meetings, and each weekly overnight. o LTs can lead students in Council (a communication circle).

QUALIFICATIONS

- Prior teaching experience; responsible, diligent and conscientious, good leadership and communication skills
- Major outdoor/camping experience is not necessary, but LTs must be comfortable outdoors and able to keep students comfortable and safe outdoors.
- Able to read a map and keep students safe on hikes.
- Basic First Aid/CPR training, and an eye on student safety throughout the AHEH week. LTs should be confident and capable of handling a medical emergency in remote regions of the Bay Area.

COMPENSATION AND HOURS

- LTs receive a competitive salary for the summer. Salary commensurate with experience.
- LT positions are full-time for the six weeks of the program. LTs are with students from 8am-4pm, and morning meeting and dismissal times vary with transportation needs, depending on where the AHEH team is working.
- There is one overnight each week of the program.
- Please visit aimhigh.org for program dates.