



English Teacher & Wilderness Leader

POSITION AVAILABLE

HIGH MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

The High Mountain Institute (HMI) is seeking an **English Teacher & Wilderness Leader**, a full-time faculty position for the HMI Semester. Responsibilities include: teaching three-four sections of the required Literature of the Natural World course; leading wilderness expeditions; and other faculty duties.

About HMI: The High Mountain Institute (HMI) is based 5 miles from the town of Leadville, Colorado. HMI's mission is focused on developing people's connections to the natural world and the junction point between intellectual and outdoor pursuits. The HMI Semester is an academic and wilderness semester school for academically motivated high school juniors. HMI offers 4-month long semesters each Fall and Spring. In addition, HMI offers a 6-week Summer Term, wilderness medicine courses, avalanche awareness training, and provides custom programs for select schools and programs. Interested applicants should carefully review the HMI website at www.hminet.org for information about the school.

Position Details Include:

- Participate in and lead the three primary elements of the Semester: Academics, Wilderness, and Residential Life
- Teach 3-4 sections of Literature of the Natural World each semester as necessary
- Lead wilderness expeditions (4-6/year)
- Maintain Wilderness First Responder and CPR certifications
- Work with faculty from Member Schools to prepare students to re-enter English classes when they return to sending schools
- Participate in rotating duty schedule
- Be a mentor for one English apprentice each semester as necessary
- Act as an advisor for 4-8 students per semester
- Lead afternoon activities
- Take responsibility for some areas of the residential life program
- Health, dental, vision insurance provided
- 5% matching retirement benefits after 1 year (TIAA-CREF)
- Mid-August to Early-June academic year schedule
- 12+ weeks vacation per year
- Starting salary of \$28-32,000 DOE
- Start date: August 1, 2012 (in order to participate on a wilderness training trip)

Minimum Qualifications: BA or higher, current WFR & CPR certifications, prior teaching experience, prior experience leading backcountry expeditions, enthusiasm for working with teenagers in a residential setting, criminal and driving background check required.

Desired Qualifications:

- Highly motivated & organized individual with prior relevant experience
- Experience teaching English classes in a traditional high school setting
- 30+ weeks of experience leading groups in wilderness settings
- Prior residential program experience

How to Apply: After reviewing the minimum qualifications and the HMI website (www.hminet.org), please submit the following three items as soon as possible electronically each as Adobe Acrobat "pdf" files:

- 1-2 page Cover Letter including a discussion of the applicant's approach to teaching English and literature to teenagers, educating the whole child, teaching style, and reasons for applying
- 1-page Resume with listing of 3-5 references
- Completed HMI Employment Application (available at <http://www.hminet.org/about-hmi/employment>)

Please submit the above three items to Sheri Cerise, Administrative Assistant for the HMI Semester via e-mail at scerise@hminet.org as attached Adobe Acrobat "pdf" files. We will begin our initial review of applications on February 13, 2012 and will continue reviewing applications until the position is filled. After an initial review, HMI may solicit further information from some candidates (sample curriculum designs, additional personal statements, etc.). Finalists will be invited to HMI for a formal interview. HMI is committed to taking the time to review candidates carefully and will not fill the position until an ideal candidate is found. Correspondence via e-mail is preferred. The High Mountain Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

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