

Volunteer for Gore Range Natural Science School

Gore Range Natural Science School (GRNSS) is a 501(c)(3) environmental education organization that annually serves over 12,000 residents of and visitors to Eagle County, Colorado. The Science School daily realizes its mission "to awaken a sense of wonder and inspire environmental stewardship through natural science education" by offering a combination of innovative school programs, summer youth science camps, adult seminars and year-round interpretive programs.

Many volunteers selflessly give their time to help GRNSS further its mission in Eagle County. We appreciate their dedication in working with our educational programs as well as our behind the scenes operations. We have both long-term and short-term volunteer positions available, and we're looking for enthusiastic and friendly individuals to join our volunteer team.

Currently Recruiting for Ongoing Opportunities:

Nature Discovery Center Docent – Work at our nature center located in a yurt on top of Vail Mountain. As part of a partnership with Vail Resorts and the United States Forest Service, we offer environmental interpretation experiences for visitors at Adventure Ridge. Duties include greeting guests and providing educational information related to the Rocky Mountains and the wildlife exhibits in the center. Excellent customer service skills required and a general knowledge of the local natural community desired. Docents work 10:30am-4:30pm either weekly, biweekly or monthly during the ski season. Positions begin in December and January. Interview and training required for this position. For more information contact: Ann Colbert 970-827-9725x14, Community Programs Director, anns@gorangerange.org.

Development Data Guru – Gain experience as a vital member of the behind scenes administrative team of a non-profit. Duties include payment processing, invitation and recognition mailings, and data entry. GRNSS is seeking individuals interested in a minimum of 2 hours of work per week (20 hrs per week of work available). Work hours are flexible and occur during week days. Interview and training required for this position. For more information contact: Tiffani Hoole 970-827-9725x10, Office Manager, science@gorangerange.org.

Public Relations Ambassador - We're looking for people with a passion for GRNSS programs and communicating with the community. Choose duties that interest you from writing newspaper articles to staffing information booths at public events or presenting GRNSS information at community gatherings. Interview and training required for this position. For more information contact: Ann Colbert 970-827-9725x14, Community Programs Director, anns@gorangerange.org.

Program Photographer – GRNSS seeks individuals with digital cameras and time to visit school and community programs. Help expand GRNSS' digital library by taking

photos in the field while enjoying your time as a participant on the program. For more information contact: Ann Colbert 970-827-9725x14, Community Programs Director, anns@gorerange.org.

One Time Event Opportunities:

Mail Party Crew - Assist us with the glamorous work of labeling, stuffing and sealing envelopes for bulk mail distribution. The work might not be intellectually stimulating, but the company is wonderful and snacks are provided. Let us know if you'd like to be on the list of people we contact for help at these times. Contact: Tiffani Hoole 970-827-9725x10, Office Manager, science@gorerange.org.

Special Event Crew – GRNSS hosts or participates in multiple special events each year. Needs vary from event to event, but duties could be anything from set up and tear down to food preparation or passing out brochures. Let us know if you would like to be on the list of people we contact for help at these times. Contact: Tiffani Hoole 970-827-9725x10, Office Manager, science@gorerange.org.

School Program Chaperones - School field programs typically take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on local public lands. Responsibilities include assisting educators with group management and serving as a back-up in case of student emergency. This is a great opportunity to spend the day outdoors with children learning about our mountain environment. Let us know if you would like to be on a list of potential chaperones, and we will contact you when we have space available. Contact: Gina Garrett, Youth Programs Director, youthprograms@gorerange.org, 970-827-9725x17.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or if you have other ideas of how you'd like to be involved at the Science School, please complete and return our volunteer application to PO Box 9469, Avon, CO 81620 or fax 970-827-9730.

Thank you for your interest!



GRNSS operates under special use permit from the White River National Forest and is an equal opportunity service provider.