

Visitor Services Assistant

Alaska Peninsula & Becharof National Wildlife Refuges King Salmon, Alaska

One volunteer Visitor Services Assistant, with duties focusing on outreach and environmental education, is needed for a 12 -14 week position beginning in May for the Alaska Peninsula & Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, in King Salmon, Alaska. Benefits include airfare from a major US airport, housing, and some food expenditure (we provide food while in the field OR reimbursement pending receipts for up to \$35/day while in King Salmon) in exchange for volunteering toward refuge activities. This is not a paid position.

The Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges' lands extend some 350 miles from King Salmon to Cold Bay. Massive volcanoes topped with glaciers dominate the Aleutian Mountain Range that forms the spine of Refuge lands. These mountains create a divide, separating the rocky Pacific shores from the lakes and marshes of the Bristol Bay coastal plain. Combined, the two Refuges protect an impressive array of wildlife, including five species of Pacific salmon, brown bears, moose, caribou, and seabirds. For more information and photos please visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Becharof/About_the_Complex_B.html.

King Salmon is a remote Alaskan Village, one of three that make up the Bristol Bay Borough. Boasting the largest run of Sockeye Salmon in the world, the population between King Salmon and the neighboring village of Naknek booms from a winter population around 800 to 10,000 in the summer. King Salmon is situated off of the road system, and is only accessible by plane.

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Develop and implement weekly programs to youth summer camp participants;
- Assist with the Refuges' participation in the annual Fishtival Celebration;
- Support Refuge staff in operating and maintaining the King Salmon Interagency Visitor Center; filling vacant shifts when feasible;
- Assist and provide support in maintaining the King Salmon Interagency Visitor Center;
- And other refuge related tasks as needed, which may include assisting with Refuge Biological or Maintenance projects such as taking part in surveys conducted from small aircraft at low altitude, working from ladders, etc.

REQUIREMENTS:

- provide support on weekends and some holidays
- ability to work with public and USFWS staff and volunteers of all ages in a professional manner
- ability to work with minimal supervision and in a group
- valid drivers' license
- enthusiasm and desire to protect natural habitats and assist visitors in connecting with nature.

HOW TO APPLY:

Send a letter of interest, resume, and names and addresses of 3 references by April 14, 2018, to Alaska Peninsula & Becharof National Wildlife Refuges, PO Box 277, King Salmon, Alaska 99613, attention Sarah Griffith, email at Sarah_Griffith@fws.gov or call 907.246.1211.