



**Job Title:** Field Guide (Colorado National Monument)

**Job Site:** Eagle County, CO and Colorado National Monument, Fruita, CO

**Reports to:** Outdoor Recreation Coordinator

**Organizational Overview:**

SOS Outreach, founded and headquartered in Colorado's Vail Valley, is a national youth development nonprofit that transforms the lives of underserved youth by delivering long-term life skills development through progressive outdoor adventure-based programs. With a unique combination of outdoor adventure experiences, positive adult mentorship and leadership development opportunities, SOS Outreach enables youth to unleash their potential to thrive. Last year alone, SOS served 4,829 youth across 22,618 program days, making SOS a program leader across the country. Every SOS program incorporates the SOS core values of courage, discipline, integrity, wisdom, compassion and humility. Throughout the curriculum, SOS students complete outdoor experiential learning, character development, service learning, values-based leadership training, and citizenship enrichment. The programs of SOS are based out of over 29 ski resorts across the Mountain West, and include both winter and summer outdoor experiential education. Activities include skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, camping, hiking, rock climbing, teambuilding, low ropes course, backpacking, sailing and mountain biking.

**Position Summary:**

Partnering with 4th grade classrooms, SOS extends the school's state curriculum in geology and natural history with a multi-day trip to Colorado National Monument. This multi-day trip introduces students to SOS's six core values while engaging them in outdoor activities such as hiking and rock climbing and by being exposed to overnight camping practices. Additionally, students explore the many museums in this area that enhance the living learning environment.

CNM Field Guides are responsible for the preparation, delivery, and success of these trips. Instructors must be passionate about working with youth of varied ages and from diverse backgrounds. As a model for positive growth, instructors will provide the support, safety, and guidance needed for youth to foster an appreciation for nature, learn the skills necessary to participate in outdoor experiences, and become part of a group learning atmosphere.

**Job Responsibilities (include but not limited to):**

- Facilitate multi-day courses for Eagle County 4th Grade Students in a front country setting. Trips are overnight 4 day / 3 night camping, climbing, and hiking experiences within the Colorado National Monument.
- Conduct preparation, implementation, cleanup and debriefing of CNM trips.
- Manage the safety of all participants, chaperones and staff. Deliver programming focused on introduction to camping, climbing, hiking, and short lessons on natural history, Colorado History, and geology to supplement the Colorado 4th Grade Curriculum.
- Deliver SOS' values-based curriculum designed to provide youth with life-changing experiences. Curriculum focuses on six core values: Courage, Discipline, Integrity, Wisdom, Compassion, and Humility.

**Qualifications:**

- Be 21 years of age or older

- Current Wilderness First Responder and CPR certification
- Physically fit: Must be able to carry 50lbs. pack. SOS day hiking involves 2-4 miles and 2,000' elevation gains. Must be able to carry 30lbs. guide pack.
- Pass Federal background check and Motor Vehicle check
- Knowledge of Leave No Trace Practices
- Have experience working with youth and youth development programs
- Rock climbing, hiking, wilderness travel, and team building experience. (Preferably in the Rocky Mountain Region)
- Leadership experience in group facilitation in backcountry settings.
- Have a positive attitude and good sense of humor and strong communication skills
- Experience, comfort, and passion in working with disadvantaged youth and low income families
- Spanish language proficiency and cultural literacy (preferred)
- Awareness of factors impacting the lives of underserved youth
- A desire to make a positive difference in the community

**Dates of Employment:**

- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (with opportunity to stay on through the summer season for interested and qualified applicants)

**Remuneration:**

\$130 Per Day

**Application Instructions:**

To apply, send resume and cover letter to Scott Partan, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, via email to [spartan@sosoutreach.org](mailto:spartan@sosoutreach.org) with "Monument Field Guide" in the subject line, fax (970) 306-0269, or mail to P.O. Box 2020, Avon, Colorado 81620. Please indicate the position you are interested in. \*Note if you have a direct connection with SOS as a former employee, mentor, or other affiliation.

**Application Deadline:**

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2020 or until all vacancies are filled.