

Discover Ltd – Eagles Nest Tutoring Staff

Where will you be working?

The Eagles Nest Field Study Centre was originally a 'Colonie de Vacances' for French children from the town of Ales. After being closed it was acquired by Discover Ltd in the 1980's to use as a base in France. It is located at 1314 metres above sea level and is the last building as you travel up the south-facing Souteyran valley before reaching the Col de Finiels (1514m) and the summit of Mont Lozere (1699m). Whilst the building is not the most attractive in the valley, its proximity to the core zone of the 'Parc National des Cevennes' gives it unrivalled fieldwork opportunities. Look at the web site on www.discover.ltd.uk



The centre operates from March to October each year, catering to fieldwork groups visiting from both the UK and mainland Europe. We normally expect to receive between 1100 and 1500 customers during this time period, the centre having a maximum capacity of 100. At certain times we also make use of a local ski station, which offers better winter accommodation and can increase our capacity by another 150 beds!

The Job – Free Lance Field Studies Tutor

Employed for several weeks in the year, usually during peak season - June and July – although other weeks may be available. As much advance warning will be given as possible of dates, and successful applicants will be expected to attend at least one training week.

The Successful Applicant would be expected to:

- Accompany / lead groups as they carry out their Geography or Biology fieldwork during their stay at The Eagles Nest. Your role would be to assist the teachers and students with your knowledge of the fieldwork unit and local area. Many groups opt for a fully-tutored course so you would be expected to teach or assist in the teaching of these courses.
- Liaise with the Director of Studies, other Centre staff, and Coach Drivers to ensure that all groups have a successful course.
- Assist the Centre Manager/ Course Director in any matters pertaining to the academic side of the business.
- Provide safety cover for 1 or 2 nights during the week. This will involve being on call in the event of an emergency and to assist domestic staff in running the evening bar.
- Be able and happy to turn their hand to the less academic sides of a Field centre. This involves helping in the kitchen, cleaning up after groups have left, making beds and helping with building and maintenance tasks.
- If interested, become involved in running trips at our other centre in Morocco. This is normally when groups are not in residence at the Eagles Nest.



Essential Skills

- Flexibility and adaptability.
 - Ability to work successfully on own or in a small team.
 - Able to build a good relationship with visiting staff and students.
 - Confidence in front of other teachers and young people.
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- Common sense and ability to work safely and to ensure the safety of others.

Desirable Skills

- Knowledge and experience in geography and/or biology/ or fieldwork.
- Experience of teaching young people.
- Ability to speak some French or willing to learn (or rediscover past ability).
- Full driving licence (not required by the post, but useful due to the isolated position of the centre).
- First aid certificate (training can be given).
- Good ICT skills to assist in developing new resources and to optimise the use of our current equipment and developing new resources.
- A reasonable level of fitness as you will be working outdoors most days. This is an ability to walk and remain on your feet all day rather than a good work out at the gym type of fitness.
- Willingness to participate in the centres approach to environmental issues and sustainability.

What's in it for you?

Free Lance Tutors will be paid £250 per week/group (excluding training week(s)) following successful completion of training. Accommodation, travel, electricity/heating are all included in the package. Wages are paid through the UK office so are subject to UK tax and National Insurance contributions.

Accommodation is in a caravan (one per person/couple!). Bathroom facilities are shared with other centre staff.



We try and organise a number of staff social trips. These have included caving, canyoning, canoeing and meals out! The centre has an excellent reputation in the local area and staff can involve themselves in many of the opportunities this gives. There are local outdoor pursuit clubs, national park activities, many local crafts people or just the chance to go for a walk or sit in a bar.

We believe the job offers a great deal to the right person, with a lifestyle that is hard to beat in the UK. The current Centre Manager and Course Director are in their 10th year at the centre and now own property in France, whilst many other staff stay or return for many years. We are also normally able to offer employment to partners either on the academic or domestic side of the business. This can be discussed at interview.

The post is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure Check at an Enhanced Level.

Discover Ltd will aim to appoint people on merit and will not discriminate against individuals on grounds of race, age, disability or through a criminal record, other than where this is necessary for safety.