

Title: Guardianes del Mar Summer Mentor

Category: Peer Mentor

FUN AND IMPACTFUL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, ONE WEEK THIS SUMMER

Description: The Salish Sea School, in collaboration with GEAR UP, is seeking to hire two mentors from June 24-28, 2024.

Guardianes del Mar is a five-day boat and island-based program designed to spark interest in marine ecosystems and highlight the connections between water quality, marine life, and human impacts.

Students will participate in hands-on learning experiences, sea adventures, and field investigations to deepen their knowledge and appreciation for the Salish Sea's unique habitats and the species that inhabit them.

This week-long summer program was designed to provide a cohort of 30 rising Latinx 8th-grade students in the Skagit Valley with the opportunity to learn about and study the Salish Sea.

Mentors will help support students in and around the Salish Sea onsite in Anacortes.

Mentors will be supported and supervised by staff from The Salish Sea School and GEAR UP school district staff.

One day of two hours of virtual training at least one week before the program will be required.

Qualifications:

Experience working with youth

Comfortable leading a small and/or large group of students

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Passion for supporting underrepresented students and access to higher education

A self-starter with strong organization and time management skills

Enjoys working with students and families from diverse backgrounds

Able to pass criminal background check

Able to work in-person in compliance with COVID-19 safety and health protocols

Preferred Qualifications:

Bilingual in Spanish, Mixteco or Triqui

Lived experience with students and families from the Skagit Valley

Understanding of the challenges faced by first-generation college students

Majors in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and/or experience and expertise in STEM fields

Position Responsibilities:

Establish a connection with mentees

Attend all mandatory mentor meetings/trainings

Must be available for the entire duration of the program

Ability to mentor small groups of mentees (4-6)
Assist mentees in making cultural connections
Coordinate and facilitate group activities with other mentors
Act as a role-model

NOTE: Virtual training is required. Lunch during the field experience portion of the program will be provided to mentors. Bus transportation from Burlington-Edison High School to Anacortes will also be provided to mentors.

Required Dates and Times:

1. **Pre program:** 2 hours virtual training at least one week prior to the program (date TBD after hire)
2. **Program Hours:** M-F 9-2 PM **Mentor Hours:** M-Th, 8:15-3:15, F 9-2PM,

Job Location: Anacortes, Fidalgo Island

Compensation: \$21.00-\$23.00/hour dependent on skills and prior experience as a mentor

To Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter, including contact information for 2 professional/academic references to The Salish Sea School at admin@thesalishseaschool.org . Interviews will be conducted via Zoom.

Application closing date: April 12, 2024

The Salish Sea School is on a mission to awaken curiosity and deepen connections with the sea through our outdoor adventure, research, and action programs.