



# YOSEMITE

**TITLE:** INTERPRETIVE SERVICES NATURALIST 1  
**SALARY:** \$10.28/HOUR (STARTING PAY)  
**DIVISION:** INTERPRETIVE SERVICES  
**DEPARTMENT:** GUEST RECREATION  
**REPORTS TO:** INTERPRETIVE SERVICES ASSISTANT MANAGER

## **POSITION SUMMARY**

The Interpretive Services Naturalist 1 develops and delivers programs that create opportunities for visitors to connect with Yosemite National Park's resources. Programs vary and may include: evening slide and film programs, informal interpretive programs, family programs, historic hotel tours of The Ahwahnee, astronomy talks, naturalist strolls, and night prowls. The work schedule also varies and is comprised of 4-5 evening programs each week.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

1. Researches, writes and presents thematic interpretive programs. Also conducts informal interpretation including roving and providing visitor information.
2. Develops a rich and deep knowledge base about program audiences and Yosemite National Park's cultural and natural resources through independently-directed research, incorporating this knowledge into interpretive programs.
3. Applies innovative interpretive techniques which are playful, entertaining, experiential, relevant and provocative.
4. Facilitates opportunities for visitors to connect intellectually and emotionally with and develop stewardship for the compelling stories of Yosemite National Park.
5. Ensures visitor safety by applying risk management principles to program design and execution. Possesses current first aid, CPR, and AED certifications, and carries a first aid kit and radio during all outdoor programs.
6. Carries out administrative duties, such as properly using, caring for, and enhancing teaching resources as well as recording and compiling program attendance statistics.
7. Wears the Interpretive Services uniform, maintains a neat and clean appearance, and is punctual for all programs.
8. Actively participates in continued professional development through coaching and other mentoring/educational opportunities. Participates in peer coaching during the summer, providing supportive and meaningful feedback in verbal and written format to peers.
9. In cooperation with direct supervisor, establishes and completes special projects.
10. Other duties, as assigned

## **EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED**

1. Possession of, or in the process of earning, a Baccalaureate degree in interpretation, education, natural resources, or science (equivalent experience acceptable).
2. Completion of, or in the process of earning certification as a Certified Interpretive Guide with NAI or Advanced Interpretive Talk module from Eppley Institute.
3. Exceptional written and verbal communication skills.
4. Ability to work successfully both independently and as a member of a team.
5. Enthusiastic, innovative, self-directed, flexible, motivated, and punctual.
6. Must be able to lift 50 pounds on a regular basis.
7. May be required to lead hikes of up to 8 miles at 4,000' or above.

## **DESIRED EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND SKILLS**

1. Background in the visual or performing arts.
2. Knowledge of Sierra Nevada ecosystems and cultural history.
3. Experience with different age levels.
4. Possession of current first aid, CPR, and AED certifications.

## **TO APPLY**

1. Submit a résumé and application to Alexis Sohlden, Assistant Manager of Interpretive Services, Delaware North Companies Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, PO Box 578, Yosemite, CA 95389. Call for application or download at [yosemitepark.com](http://yosemitepark.com). Closing date is March 15, 2013.
2. Telephone 209-372-8243. Fax 209-372-8950. Email [asohlden@dncinc.com](mailto:asohlden@dncinc.com).
3. *FINAL CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION WILL BE SUBJECT TO DRUG TESTING AND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION*