

SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER

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<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Science Center Guide</u>
SSSC Status	Seasonal, full or part-time
Job Duration	Mid-April through early October
Supervised by	Visitor Experience Manager
Compensation	\$15/hour, Housing benefits available, Health benefits and leave not included
Place of Work	834 Lincoln St., Sitka Alaska

About the Sitka Sound Science Center:

The Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) is a growing 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission to increase the understanding and awareness of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems of Alaska. Its core purpose is to use science and education to strengthen and serve Sitka and southeast Alaska. Inclusion and equity are core values of the Sitka Sound Science Center. We are passionate about building and sustaining an inclusive and equitable working and learning environment for students, researchers, and staff. We believe every member of our staff and visitor to our facility enriches our diversity by sharing a broad range of ways to understand and engage with the world, identify challenges, and discover solutions. We encourage you to pursue your interests, develop your potential, and bring your full self to work.

SSSC is a busy non-profit research and science education organization. From spring into the fall, we host visiting researchers, high school and university field courses, education programs, and visitors. These months are full of energy, excitement, fun, and people.

About the Guide Position:

The Science Center Guides are the public face of the Sitka Sound Science Center. The position involves daily interaction with diverse groups of locals, tourists, and visitors to Sitka. Guides play an integral role in the success of the Science Center's mission by guiding tours through the aquarium and hatchery, greeting guests of all ages and backgrounds, and fielding questions about Sitka, marine life, hatcheries, and more. Science Center Guides will collaborate to create an environment in which our visitors have a positive, fun, and memorable experience as they explore and learn about Alaska hatcheries, local marine life, and exciting research.

The Science Center values science communication in both formal and informal settings. SSSC has created a career development plan for our 2022 seasonal staff that will help you build skills for this position and the rest of your career.

Responsibilities:

Science Center Guides will:

- Guide visitors on aquarium and hatchery tours
- Answer questions and share information about marine life, Sitka, hatcheries, research, and more
- Welcome visitors to our facility
- Collaborate with the education team to identify and implement new outreach or education opportunities.
- Assist with facility upkeep (general cleaning, restrooms, aquariums, public spaces, etc.).

Skills & Qualifications:

- You enjoy helping others explore and connect with the world around us.
- You're excited about interacting with a diverse group of travelers.
- You're an inquisitive and curious person.
- You thrive in a team setting and enjoy collaborating with others.
- You find and develop personal connections to the places you live and work.
- You're passionate about having fun and sharing that enthusiasm with others.
- You find wonder in science and the natural world.

Benefits for Seasonal Staff:

- Subsidized housing options
- Travel assistance from Seattle to Sitka
- Planned excursions around Sitka and Sitka Sound
- Career Development Training
- Opportunities to explore personal interests relating to visitor experience and the Science Center mission.

Sitka Sound Science Center is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin.

Please provide a letter of interest, a current resume, and contact information for 2 professional references. Applicants should include the word anemone in the first paragraph of their letter of interest. Application documents should be submitted in Word or PDF format to Sandy McClung, Visitor Experience Manager (aquarium@sitkascience.org)