



Lake Tahoe Ambassador Program Crew Lead Job Announcement

Do you want to:

- Gain professional environmental career experience?
- Obtain college credit while getting paid an awesome wage
- Work outside in beautiful locations?
- Help to protect Lake Tahoe?

If you answered yes, then this is an opportunity for you!

Job Description:

The role of the **Ambassador Crew Lead** is to perform all basic Lake Tahoe Ambassador duties in addition to overseeing a small team of Ambassadors as group leader. Duties include communicating directly with site leads, mentors, and program supervisors, assisting with participant scheduling, and performing progress checks on participants research projects. This position is designed for early college students to gain experience in a supervisory role. Previous team management experience is preferred. The crew leads will be trained in the role by the Sierra Nevada Alliance and host site staff.

The **Lake Tahoe Ambassador Program** is a youth stewardship training program for ages 14-18. Participants will interact face-to-face with the public, sharing information about Lake Tahoe's natural environment and ways to protect Tahoe. Ambassadors will be stationed at various popular beaches, trailheads, and visitor centers around the lake during the busiest times Thursday-Monday. In addition, Ambassadors will be trained in basic research skills and complete a summer-long research project with a professional mentor, utilizing the data collected on the job.

Ambassadors will:

- Motivate and inspire community members and visitors to recreate responsibly while enjoying Lake Tahoe's parks and beaches
- Share information about ways to recreate in Tahoe, favorite hikes and bike trails, and more
- Model good stewardship by picking up trash, calling city maintenance when trash cans are full, and handing out pet waste bags as needed
- Track observations and interactions with the public using a Citizen Science app
- Present natural history information
- Attend additional trainings outside of public work days on related skills like natural history, trail maintenance, species identification, public speaking, research techniques, and more

Additional Crew Lead responsibilities and activities:

- Directly supervise a team of up to 6 Ambassadors
- Assist Ambassadors when they are in the field by providing materials, logistical support, and assistance in job duties as needed
- Attend all in-person training sessions to learn about the uniqueness of Tahoe's environment, the greatest threats to the environment, the best ways to be a good steward, and knowledge of local ordinances
- Participate in weekly meetings with Program Director
- Follow protocol methods and collect data on observations in the field
- Participate in community clean-up and restoration days

Required Qualifications:

- A willingness to learn about Tahoe's environment, sound stewardship practices, and local ordinances
- Experience managing others or experience working in a professional team environment
- Self-motivation and drive to approach visitors to engage them in conversation about how to be good stewards
- Capable of communicating and interacting in a respectful and inclusive manner with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Good time management and punctuality
- Capable of standing and walking outdoors in variable weather conditions for up to 8 hours at a time
- English and Spanish conversational skills are desired, but English-only speakers will be Considered
- Must have transportation to and from work sites throughout the Tahoe Basin

Location:

Ambassador Crew Leads will be stationed in either North Lake or South Lake Tahoe depending on residence.

Timeframe:

Summer work hours are from June 22, 2024 - September 1, 2024. A few additional hours are required for research competition and presentation through September 30, 2024.

Compensation:

Ambassador Crew Leads earn \$20-\$24/hr (based on experience), 20-32 hours a week

Applications:

To apply, please email a concise cover letter and resume to jobs@sierranevadaalliance.org by June 3, 2024. For questions, call 530-542-4546. Interviews will begin immediately on a rolling basis.