



Per Diem Tour Guide 2012 Position Announcement

Background: Every year, visitors to the Leopold Center are inspired by some of the earliest land restoration efforts in our nation's history by reveling in the simplicity and beauty of the world famous "refuge from too much modernity," the Leopold Shack. In April 2007, the Aldo Leopold Foundation opened the Leopold Center, an educational and interpretive facility near the Leopold Shack in Baraboo. It has been rated as one of the greenest buildings in the world by the U.S. Green Building Council, and is also one of the first buildings to be designated "carbon neutral." We rely on a corps of on-call per-diem tour guides to help lead tours of the Shack and Leopold Center.

Duties: Act as an on-call guide for interpretive tours of the historic Leopold Shack and Farm, and tours at the green-built Leopold Center. Targeted audiences include conservation professionals, land owners and managers, the general public/Sauk county tourists, high school/college students, and a small number of local middle school students. Gain knowledge and ability to present 2 - 3 hour programs in these areas.

Required: Excellent presentation skills; Experience working with children or adults in an educational setting; Familiarity with and/or willingness to learn more about *A Sand County Almanac* and Leopold; Familiarity with and/or willingness to learn more about green building and sustainability topics; Dynamic personality; Ability to work flexible hours. Tour needs occur both during the week and frequently on Saturdays.

Desired: Degree or equivalent experience/coursework in Environmental Education or Interpretation, Environmental Studies, Natural Sciences, Education, Parks and Recreation, Biological or Earth Sciences, or other related fields.

Compensation: \$75 for ½ day, \$150 for a full day of tour guiding. A half day typically includes 3 hours of tour programming, and 1 hour of prep. Per diem tour guides will be asked to observe several staff-led tours before leading their own groups. You will be scheduled as soon as groups book, which can be up to 2 months in advance, but in some cases may be only 1-2 weeks in advance of the tour date.

You must be able to attend a full day training session on Saturday, April 14, 2012. You are also required to attend at least one, but preferably two or three tour observations in Spring 2012 before you can take paid tour assignments. Training and observations are not compensated; they are an investment of your own time to qualify for this position.

Candidates should send a resume, cover letter that addresses the job announcement, and two references to Jennifer Kobylecky via email, jennifer@aldoleopold.org. Interviews will commence for qualified candidates beginning March 14.

The Aldo Leopold Foundation is an equal opportunity employer.