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Kim Laizer, Mentor Teacher
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Dear Ms. Laizer,

I am excited about the prospect of becoming a valuable member of the Headlands Institute program. I am writing to apply for the position of Field Science Educator listed on the NAAEE job board and I am confident I embody the qualities that you seek. I have experience developing and implementing place-based ecological lessons to a diverse audience. I have lead educational, engaging, and safe field science programs at both my positions at Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center and Walking Mountains Science Center and will continue to do so this summer for the Alaska Center for the Environment. In my current position I work with teachers to develop customized classroom and field programs for their students. I feel that place-based, environmental education is the most important tool to inspire nature awareness and environmental stewardship in children and I am eager to continue to be a part of that educational process.

I have had a life-long passion for playing and learning in the outdoors and am keen to inspire that in others. With backpacking experience from the White Mountains of New Hampshire to my four month thru-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail I am at home in the backcountry and well acquainted with backpacking practices and wilderness safety. Through my teaching, coaching, and interpretive positions I have gained experience working with all age groups and many diverse populations including urban youth. I feel that the students who can benefit most from outdoor, experiential education are often the ones who have little previous experience in the natural world and value the organizations who offer those opportunities.

I am extremely dedicated and strive to do my best in all aspects of my work. The energy and enthusiasm I have for environmental education will be an asset to your program. I feel my skills, experience, and work ethic would make me a strong member of your team, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hannah W. Brewster