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Dear Kim Laizer:

I am applying for the Field Educator position at the Yosemite Institute for the 2011 – 2012 school year. I am interested in the position because of my love for outdoor experiential learning, which I have been teaching for the past several years. With my skills, passion and background I am confident that I would be an excellent addition to the education staff at Yosemite Institute.

Through my course work at UC San Diego majoring in Environmental Systems (Ecology, Behavior and Evolution), I have obtained a strong interdisciplinary training in the natural sciences.  Currently, I am employed at Deep Portage Learning Center where science concepts are taught in a hands-on, inquiry based outdoor setting. My prior positions were as the Environmental Education Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs' Camp Mendocino, an Outdoor Environmental Education Intern at SCICON and as a Naturalist at the YMCA's Camp Cosby.  Complementing my experiences in outdoor environmental education, I completed a Field and Lab Estuarine Research Internship where native habitat was restored, water quality was monitored and soil salinities were analyzed.  I also volunteered at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center where we cared for injured and orphaned birds, mammals and reptiles.

In addition to being an outdoor teacher and field researcher, I have wilderness medical experience and training. Through Remote Medical International I obtained the certifications of Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (WEMT), EMT-Basic and Medical Person in Charge (MPIC) and have used my training in medical emergencies.

I am an environmental educator because I enjoy spending time with people in the outdoors. My favorite part about teaching outside is using the outdoor classroom and teachable moments to awe and inspire my students. It’s rewarding to have the students involved in hands on learning to really grasp the environmental and science concepts. Communicating, learning and getting people excited about the natural world are why I love my job. As a capable naturalist and field scientist I feel my skills and experience make me an ideal candidate for this position.

Please see my resume for further qualifications. Thank you for time and consideration, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kalle Larson

Enclosure: Resume and References