

# Montana Discovery Foundation

**\*\*POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT\*\***

## SUMMER FIELD INSTRUCTOR

**WHO:** The Montana Discovery Foundation announces (1) **opening** for **summer field instructor** in the **Youth Forest Monitoring Program**. This program teaches high school students the concepts of forest ecology and monitoring techniques for stream, vegetation, wildlife and soil health on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

**PAY:** Field instructor will be paid **\$19.00/hour**

**WHAT:** The YFMP field instructor position is responsible for supervising and transporting teams of high school students to forest monitoring sites in the Helena, Townsend, and Lincoln. The instructor supervises student time divided between outdoor fieldwork and indoor data analyses and reporting.

**WHERE:** The field instructor position is based in Helena. Lodging is not provided.

**WHEN:** **The field instructor position runs as early as June 8<sup>th</sup> (negotiable start date) – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.** The instructor is also requested to assist with student hiring in April for limited and flexible hours (1 afternoon/evening). One overnight stay is part of the position: a backpack trip into the Scapegoat Wilderness July 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Hours of work are Mondays – Thursdays 8:00am-5:15pm, Fridays (instructors-only planning – half days).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Science and/or education background requested. Excellent communication and writing skills needed. This position works both in the field and the computer lab, and experience working with youth ages 14-18 is required. The successful applicant will have a current driver's license and clean driving record. Must be able to attain a federal drivers' license, pass a background check, and take Defensive Driver training.

**HOW:** To apply, please submit letter of intent, brief resumé, and three references. Interviews will follow initial application process. All materials should be postmarked by Friday, April 3rd, 2026 and sent to: Montana Discovery Foundation, YFMP Instructor Search, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602 or emailed to Liz Burke, YFMP Manager at [elizabeth.a.burke@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.a.burke@usda.gov) by 11:59pm, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**QUESTIONS:** Check out the YFMP website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/helena-lewisclark/working-with-us/youth-forest-monitoring-program>



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Please contact: Liz Burke, YFMP Manager (406)495-3713 or [elizabeth.a.burke@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.a.burke@usda.gov) for more information.



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