



## **Job Description: Astronomer**

### **About Teton Skies:**

Teton Skies is the Intermountain West's premier provider of science-based experiential programming, with a special focus on astronomy. We work with high-end resorts, event planners, and private clients throughout the region, providing custom stargazing, astrophotography, and geology programs for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Our goal with every program is to create an unforgettable experience, one that enriches, engages, educates, and entertains. Unique amenities such as catered refreshments and state-of-the-art optics help provide an exceptional guest experience, but what really makes Teton Skies stand out is our team of professional scientists and educators, whose skill and knowledge enable every guest to reconnect with the wonders of the natural world.

### **The Position:**

The Astronomer reports directly to Teton Skies' owner and is responsible for executing world-class stargazing programs with the company's clients. Most programs take place within Grand Teton National Park, or at select resorts in Jackson Hole. Astronomers are responsible for transporting guests to and from our dark sky locations and providing 1.5 to 3 hours of hands-on programming using our large-diameter computerized telescopes, interactive software, and other teaching aids. Along with our dedicated support crew, the Astronomer is also responsible for the set-up and clean-up of the stargazing sites, for setting up program amenities, and for providing exceptional guest service.

### **Scheduling:**

This is a part-time hourly position. The Astronomer is responsible for being available for all scheduled on-call days, but work is not guaranteed on those days. We typically schedule each Astronomer for 4-5 days per week. The summer stargazing season goes from June through the end of September, with training in late May or early June.

**Duties:**

- Execute world-class stargazing programs for guests of all ages, interests, and levels of knowledge
- Maintain a deep and up-to-date knowledge of objects currently visible in the night sky
- Ensure that vehicles are clean and safe
- Transport guests in a safe and timely manner
- Ensure that refreshments and other amenities are available to all guests
- Ensure that equipment is charged, clean, and in working order
- Provide exceptional guest service and communication at all times
- Ensure that programs leave no trace by cleaning up all equipment, trash, etc.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Undergraduate or advanced degree in Astronomy, Physics, or related field
- Strong knowledge of the night sky
- Experience presenting scientific information to a variety of audiences
- Clear and engaging communication skills
- Clean driving record
- Ability to work independently and think on your feet to meet guest needs
- Passion for science and a strong drive to continually develop your knowledge of current topics in research

**Other Qualifications:**

- Experience with telescopes and other observing equipment
- Experience in the Hospitality or Guest Services industry
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to safely lift 50 pounds or more

**To Apply:**

**Please email your resume, a letter explaining your availability and interest in the position, and contact information for three professional references to [info\(at\)teton skies.com](mailto:info@teton skies.com). No phone calls, please, but feel free to email any questions to the same address.**