



## Teaching Fellow - Maine Coast Semester

Maine Coast Semester is a unique semester-length school and a part of the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, Maine. Each fall and spring, we offer a small number of high school juniors and seniors the chance to live and work on a 400-acre saltwater peninsula with the goal of exploring the interrelationship between people and the natural world through challenging courses in natural science, environmental issues, ethics, art, history, mathematics, languages, literature and writing.

The community is small — only 40 students and 18 faculty members — and the application process is very competitive. In addition to their studies, students work for several hours each afternoon on an organic farm, in the woodlot, or on maintenance and construction projects. The students who attend the Maine Coast Semester are highly motivated. They enjoy hard work, both physical and intellectual, and they have the strong desire to contribute in some way to their world. MCS students generally return to their schools with increased self-confidence, an appreciation for the rewards and struggles of community living, a deeper sense of stewardship for the natural world, and a developing sense of ownership for their education. The intimate and residential nature of the Maine Coast Semester program means that we all — faculty and students — get to know each other very well in the short time that we spend together. We are now in our 38th semester and have worked with over 1,400 graduates from more than 250 independent and public schools from throughout the United States.

We hope that the Teaching Fellow position is a step towards a career in education. The Fellows will compose a professional development plan and receive mentoring from several Maine Coast Semester faculty members, including the Head of School. This ten-month position will develop skills applicable to a wide range of positions in the field of education.

### **Responsibilities**

1. Live on the Chewonki campus and share meals with the community from August 15, 2009 to June 4, 2010.
2. Observe and assist one of the core faculty members in a subject area of expertise.
3. Give extra help to students outside of class in subject area.
4. Coordinate an activity or resource based upon your skills and interests (past examples include: Latin instruction, writing support program, and co-coordinating the outdoor athletic program)
5. Lead on and off-campus activities for students.
6. Work with students for afternoon work program and during morning chores.
7. Advise 3-4 students.
8. Participate in rotating duty schedule on weeknights and weekends.
9. Serve as a cabin parent along with another faculty member (not living with students).
10. Assume other responsibilities and leadership as needed.
11. Attend Chewonki wilderness trip training (and WFR if possible) in June of 2009 (negotiable).

### **Qualifications**

Candidates should have completed a BA or BS and have a strong interest in education. They should be energetic and excited by the prospect of intensive interaction with high school juniors in a boarding school setting. The ideal candidate will have familiarity with semester programs at the high school or college level and wilderness trip leading experience. WFR and CPR certifications preferred.

### **Salary and Other Details**

Salary is \$100/week for the 10-month period. Room and board is included with the requirement of living on campus. Benefits include health insurance, life insurance, optional TIAA/CREF retirement annuity, and available dental insurance.

### **To Apply – by January 31**

Please see [www.chewonki.org](http://www.chewonki.org) for more information about Maine Coast Semester and submit the following: 1) A cover letter explaining your interest, 2) A resume, 3) an employment application, and 4) 2 written recommendations. Materials may be emailed, faxed or sent to Willard Morgan, Head of School. After review we will contact qualified candidates for further information, to arrange an interview, and to schedule a visit, as appropriate. This position is available until filled and it will begin on August 17, 2009.

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