



SWISS SEMESTER

## Fall 2008 Teaching Position

Zermatt, Switzerland

### **Position:** *Geology Teacher/Professor*

**Job Description:** To teach a college introductory geology course with important “field component” to about forty academically able and highly motivated high school sophomores from many parts of the United States. Good background and knowledge of structural geology, geomorphology, and glaciology is very important. Candidates should realize that Swiss Semester is first and foremost a **very** serious academic program. Past teachers have found Swiss Semester to be very memorable and rewarding experience (as well as a lot of hard work!).

**Location:** Swiss Semester is located in Zermatt, Switzerland. Because of the incredible geological features of the surrounding area, there is a logical emphasis placed on the outdoor labs. As well, Zermatt’s incomparable alpine setting provides a wonderful setting for the program’s out-of-doors activities—hiking, mountain and rock climbing, and skiing.

**Dates of Position:** Swiss Semester, as the name implies, is a semester program that runs roughly from the beginning of September to the middle of December.

**Successful Personal Characteristics:** Swiss Semester teachers are expected to make a serious professional commitment to a program recognized for its high personal, physical, and academic expectations. Although it is not necessary to possess all the following characteristics, we have found that those teachers who possess many of them find their experience much more rewarding. These desired personal characteristics are a high energy level, an upbeat personality, an easy way with people—Swiss Semester fosters a family atmosphere, an ability to be flexible, a good sense of humor, an appreciation of the out-of-doors, and a willingness to be a “team player.”

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Interviews for selected applicants will be scheduled in March.