



## Position Description

### **Shoreline Education For Awareness Intern**

**Internship Title:** Wildlife Education Specialist (1 Position)

**Internship Sponsor:** Shoreline Education for Awareness, Inc. ([www.sea-edu.org](http://www.sea-edu.org)) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex ([www.fws.gov/oregoncoast](http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast))

**Internship Location:** The main office is at the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2127 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport OR 97365. However, this is a dual duty station position which will require the intern to reside in free housing at Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge (in Bandon) for one full week each month.

**Length of Internship:** 5 Months. January 6, 2014 through June 6, 2014

**Internship Position Summary:** The Specialist will intern for both Shoreline Education for Awareness and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Specifically, the specialist will assist in implementing environmental education programs for elementary school children on the function of coastal estuaries with emphasis on shorebirds and their role in coastal ecosystems. The goal of the internship is to bring increased understanding and awareness of shorebird conservation to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students through both classroom and field based environmental education program.

#### **General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):**

- Assist in organizing and teaching monthly in-class lessons to more than 500 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the Shorebird Sister Schools Program ([www.fws.gov/sssp](http://www.fws.gov/sssp)) in four different coastal counties.
- Teach an environmental education program focused on the threatened Western Snowy Plover that includes a field trip to Snowy Plover habitat.
- Recruit and train volunteers to assist with field trips.
- Assist with organizing and leading field trips for students to a local estuary. Lead activity stations on the subject of birdwatching, invertebrate prey and threats to shorebirds.
- Assist with general office duties directly related to outreach and environmental education.

#### **Internship Position Requirements (you must have all of these to qualify):**

- Bachelor's Degree, or higher, in the field of natural resources, interpretation or environmental education.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident
- Possession of a valid driver's license
- Experience with and a desire to work with children in a formal classroom setting and outdoors
- A cooperative manner and the ability to teach as a team
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule, including weekends, evenings, and extensive overnight travel

- This is a full-time position requiring a 40-hour work week

**Preferred Qualifications** (these are not required to qualify for the position)

- Ability to withstand adverse weather conditions including incessant rain and biting wind
- Familiarity with marine and estuarine ecosystems
- Good written and oral communication skills

**Benefits Include:**

- A taxable, monthly living allowance of \$1,000.
- Upon successful completion of the full term of service, you will receive an end of service award of \$500.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.
- Free housing at Siletz Bay and Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge including utilities. Sorry no pets allowed.

**Transportation Information:**

- Government vehicle is available for service activities. You will need your own vehicle to commute to and from the job site.

**How to Apply:**

Send a cover letter, resume and contact information for three references to Dawn Grafe at the email address below by October 21, 2013.

**Questions about the position?**

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