



Position Description

Shoreline Education For Awareness Intern

Internship Title: Wildlife Education Coordinator (1 Position)

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

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

Length of Internship: 9 Months. December 2, 2013 through September 3, 2014

Internship Summary: The Wildlife Education Coordinator will intern for both Shoreline Education for Awareness (a non-profit refuge support group) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Specifically, the Coordinator is responsible for organizing, coordinating and implementing outreach and environmental education programs for school-aged children and the general public on the function of marine and coastal estuarine ecosystems with particular emphasis on the wildlife of these ecosystems. The direct service project will be to bring increased understanding and awareness of coastal wildlife conservation to schools, visitors, and residents through both classroom and field based environmental education programs, slide shows, festivals, and special events. This is a full-time position requiring a 40-hour work week.

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

- Assist Shoreline Education for Awareness (www.sea-edu.org) with the development of environmental education and outreach programs.
- Foster an appreciation, understanding and responsibility for coastal wildlife and habitat among local communities and coastal tourists.
- Serve as the lead organizer for the Shorebird Sister Schools Program (www.fws.gov/sssp).
- Organize and teach monthly in-class lessons to more than 500 4th- 5th grade students participating in the Shorebird Sister Schools Program (www.fws.gov/sssp) in four coastal counties.
- Coordinate and deliver an environmental education program focused on the threatened Western Snowy Plover that includes a field trip to Snowy Plover habitat.
- 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.

- Plan and implement refuge outreach programs and special events for all ages that focus on wildlife conservation.
- Serve as a rocky shore and seabird interpreter at popular state park and refuge viewing decks along the coast that overlook seabird and marine mammal rookeries.
- Organize, advertise and lead a minimum of 10 water-based canoe and kayak interpretive tours through Siletz Bay and Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuges.

Internship 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 work as part of a team and independently
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule, including weekends, evenings, and extensive overnight travel.
- Experience canoeing or kayaking.

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.
- Experience working with the media (press releases, interviews) including social media skills.
- Experience canoeing or kayaking.

Benefits Include:

- A taxable, monthly living allowance of \$1,000.
- Upon successful completion of the term of service, receive an end of service award of \$1,000.
- 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 government 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 Harris Grafe at the email address below by October 21, 2013.

Questions about the internship?

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