

Internship Title:

Environmental Education Teaching Internship

Job Description:

The Environmental Education (EE) Intern will be responsible for assisting in teaching on-site preschool programs; Environmental Education programs for grades 1st-5th grade; “Sister in Science” program for 6th and 7th grade girls. The EE intern will assist, develop and lead program activities, supervise students, collect data, and help students with the use of microscopes, computers, and other technology. The intern will also participate in the day-to-day operational activities of the Nature Center, which includes assisting in visitor orientations, animal caretaking, gardening, exhibit making and special events.

Objectives:

The Environmental Education Intern will:

- Learn the basic concepts of “child centered” hands-on teaching techniques.
- Learn how to research and develop lesson plans for children ages 3-15.
- Develop sound job skills, such as timeliness, reliability, teamwork, accountability, and courtesy.
- Gain experience in public speaking.
- Learn natural and cultural history concepts and education.
- Develop skills important to establishing a successful career path, interact with clients and colleagues from various socio-economic backgrounds, and learn from staff with diverse backgrounds and career experiences.
- Learn principles in animal caretaking and gardening skills.
- Learn public relation skills and techniques.
- Develop leadership skills and confidence.

Career Experience Gained:

The Environmental Education Teaching Internship will provide the student with a variety of meaningful experiences and skills that will advance his/her knowledge and training for a wide range of careers.

- The ability to analyze new information, improve communication skills, organize and lead groups.
- The development of teaching style, classroom management and curriculum implementation.
- Opportunities to work with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- Learn proper techniques of working with the public, in a variety of ways and platforms.
- Develop cooperative learning skills and the principles of time management and organizational skills.
- Develop and implement environmental education intern skills applicable in the private sector as well as in nonprofit organizations.

This internship will develop skills appropriate for a wide variety of college majors. This is a great opportunity for students majoring in: education, science, social work, public relations, community engagement, parks and recreation, just to name a few.

Supervision and Evaluation:

The Executive Director and Program Director will develop the intern's responsibilities and daily duties jointly. The Program Director will have direct supervision and will have weekly reviews with intern. The intern will also meet with the Executive Director at least three times during the internship. The intern will be working in a team environment and will participate in all aspects of the nature center, including staff meetings. A formal performance evaluation will be prepared by the Program Director and discussed with the intern at the end of the internship. The intern will also complete an evaluation form concerning the internship experience. The evaluation will also be a measurement of skills learned.

Hours: Start and end dates are flexible according to the needs of the student.

How to Apply: Submit a resume and cover letter via email to:

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