

Youth Summer Internship

Location: Washington Park Arboretum



Job Commitment: 4 weeks total

2 weeks of training & professional development

2 weeks of working directly within summer camp

Dates and Times:

Session 1: July 1st – July 26th 2019

Session 2: August 6th – August 30th 2019

(students may only participate in one session)

Training and Professional Development (Weeks 1 & 4 of each session): Interns will spend the first week working together to identify personal skills and build a sense of teamwork. Interns will train to work with children in a camp setting during the first week. During the fourth and final week students will spend time meeting with University of Washington students and professors working in environmental sciences. Students will explore opportunities, both professional and academic, in conservation and life sciences. Students will also complete a project that demonstrates some aspect of their learning during the program or relates to a specific environmental career interest.

Camp Overview (Weeks 2 & 3 of each session): Our day-camp curricula are designed to promote environmental conservation through education and recreation. To achieve this we focus on hands-on exploration, play and the concept of “learning by doing”. Depending on the weekly theme, campers may explore ethnobotany, growing food, art, survival skills, and a variety of sciences from looking at insects to studying phenology. We want to develop a nature connection in our campers through fun, educational experiences in and about nature.

General Duties: This position is ideal for high school students interested in exploring a future in environmental sciences and/or working with children in nature. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm for conservation, working with kids, playing outside and gaining leadership skills. The Youth Summer Internship will prepare young people for an academic future in science, as well as giving them tangible skills in outdoor education.

In summer camp, interns will assist Summer Camp Naturalists to plan and provide an exceptional day camp experience. Each Summer Intern will be paired with a Summer Camp Naturalist and together they will be responsible for a group of up to 12 campers. Interns will collaborate with their Naturalist to develop outdoor education skills and find their own role within each camp.

Essential Tasks:

- Assist Summer Camp Naturalists
- Engage, interact and play with campers
- Attend training

- Participate in Team Building and Leadership Development Activities
- Perform related duties as required

Requirements:

- 16 years old at the start of the internship and no older than 17 throughout internship
- Strong work ethic, punctual, and dependable
- Interpersonal skills with staff, children, and parents
- Must be able to comply with and maintain a smoke-free and drug-free work environment

Desirable:

- Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather
- Interest in working with children
- Interest in working in ecology, botany, biology, environmental education, conservation or other related areas
- Flexible and open to new experiences
- Exhibits patience and responsibility
- Can role model mature behavior
- Ability to work as a team member

Compensation:

- \$1,500 Stipend (to be distributed in two installments)
- Fulfillment of volunteer or service-learning requirements (60 hours)
- Orca Card with sufficient funding to transport intern to and from site each day
- Letter of recommendation upon request following a successful completion of the internship

Apply here:

<https://forms.gle/wC67Sp5n8RTwA1RMA>

Please send any questions to:

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