

Internship – Living Coast Discovery Center: Guest Experience

Description:

Living Coast Discovery Center is currently seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals interested in a career in Guest Experience or Interactive Education to participate in a part-time, unpaid internship program.

The Living Coast Discovery Center is a living, breathing, flapping, buzzing and splashing home to the unique animals and plants of Southern California. Our mission is to inspire care and exploration of the living Earth by connecting people with coastal animals, plants, and habitats. We do this by providing interactive wildlife learning experiences: our curators and volunteers introduce guests to the way our native creatures live in their natural habitats.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Engaging guests at various stations to provide a positive experience: answer any questions, offer suggestions about upcoming events/feeding schedules, interpret the exhibits in an engaging way.
- General site support: exhibit updates, gift shop & grounds assistance
- Interns are eligible to begin training for Animal Handling to increase customer Animal Encounters. (Animal handling is based on individual comfort level: invertebrates, reptiles, birds of prey)
- Education Programming support as needed
- Assist with walk-thrus/general site & exhibit development and maintenance
- Assist with the development, design, and set-up of public events
- Provide offsite support at community Outreaches when available

Required Qualifications:

- Able to work in a team environment: dependable and punctual
- Friendly personality & comfortable with public speaking
- Able to lift 25 lbs and be able to perform physical tasks such as standing, walking, bending, and lifting
- Work in outdoor conditions including sun, rain, wind, and heat
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of the Discovery Center and its animals/plants.
- Help with any tasks requested by the supervisor with a positive attitude

Desired Qualifications:

- Outgoing personality (or would like to become more outgoing!)
- Comfortable around a variety of animals: aquatics, reptiles, birds: handling based on individual comfort
- Interest in the study of biology, zoology, conservation, or other natural sciences
- Knowledge of local species (aquatic, reptilian, and avian) a plus
- **Bi-Lingual in ANY language= BIG PLUS!**

Commitment:

- Summer internships will occur during school breaks with flexible start and end dates to accommodate school schedules
- Year round internships also available
- Shifts will run 9am-1pm or 12pm-4pm, Sunday thru Saturday
- Applicants must be able to commit to 8-12 hours per week

How to Apply

Please send your resume and a short paragraph stating why you are interested in the position to:

Sherry Lankston / sherry@cvnc.us / (619) 409-5904

www.TheLivingCoast.org

Due to the high volume of applicants, we will only be able to contact those we are interested in interviewing.