



Conservation Associate - Internship Positions 2009

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NAPLES NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER – Environmental Education

Description: Care for live exhibits, housing over 125 species of local wildlife including marine and freshwater aquaria, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. Work with protected wildlife such as a loggerhead sea turtle, American alligators and assist staff with animal collection at various coastal locations. Teach ecological programs for audiences of all ages, students in kindergarten through eighth grade and assist in leading an after-school program for underprivileged or at risk children. Provide interpretive tours, assist with lecture series, school programs, special events and field programs.

Available: Six- to nine-month positions available on a rotating basis.

Qualifications: Applicant must be at least a senior in college with an environmental science/ecology, education or comparable background. A strong interest to work in a nature center and with diverse audiences of all ages. Some teaching experience is preferable but not required. Good communication and public speaking skills. Ability to lift 50 pounds and work outdoors in hot, humid and sometimes buggy conditions. Must possess a valid driver's license. The Conservancy is a DRUG FREE and SMOKE FREE workplace. Non-compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

Benefits: The Conservation Associate will gain experience in several fields such as education, interpretation, husbandry and maintenance of a nature center. The Conservation Associate will gain extensive knowledge of southwest Florida's unique ecosystems and assist the staff in bringing environmental awareness to thousands of students and visitors. A stipend of \$150 weekly will be awarded to the Conservation Associate. Accidental insurance, housing with a washer and dryer and uniform shirts are provided.

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WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

Description: Assist in care and treatment of injured, sick and orphaned Florida wildlife together with cleaning and maintenance of their facilities. Position includes a wide range of rehabilitation activities, including animal rescue, emergency first aid, daily feedings, cage cleaning, animal handling, pre-release training, public relations, and special projects. Uniform required.

Available: Minimum of six-month commitment. Positions available on a rotating basis year round.

Qualifications: Applicant must be at least a senior in college, with skills and/or experience with wildlife. Sincere interest and commitment required. Preference will be given to those with prior rehabilitation experience. The Conservancy is a DRUG FREE and SMOKE FREE workplace. Non-compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

Benefits: Upon completion of the CA Program in Wildlife Rehab, a Conservation Associate leaves with a varied experience that can include animal care, basic medical techniques, education program development, public speaking skills, interpersonal skills, and knowledge of birds, mammals, and reptiles. Stipend of \$150 per week will be awarded to the Conservation Associate. Accident insurance, housing with washer and dryer are also provided.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FIELD RESEARCH

Description: Assist the Environmental Science staff in a variety of research projects that may include wetland assessments, water quality monitoring, mangrove research, panther habitat survey, or sea turtle research. Responsible for additional duties, as assigned, such as data entry, sample processing and equipment maintenance.

Availability: Six-month position available on a rotating basis.

Qualifications: Minimum of a BS or BA degree in a scientific field. Background in field survey techniques or willingness to learn. Willingness to work indoors and outdoors – often in humid conditions. Willingness to work outside of the usual 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM business hours when necessary. Must possess a valid driver's license and clean driving record. Working knowledge of MS Access and/or MS Excel preferred. The Conservancy is a DRUG FREE/SMOKE FREE workplace. Non-compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

Benefits: An experience that will provide the Conservation Associate with an increased understanding and appreciation of Environmental Field Research. Stipend of \$150 per week will be awarded to the Conservation Associate. Accident insurance, housing with washer and dryer and uniform shirts are also provided.

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Description: Assist Policy Department staff in researching environmental issues on a local, regional, state, or federal level, tracking environmental issues, assisting in daily administrative duties, as well as writing research summaries and policy position statements. May include opportunities to plan and develop reports, conferences, and other activities related to community outreach on policy issues, as well as opportunities to participate in relevant meetings of the county and city governments regarding conservation issues of interest. Environmental Lands and Water Policy Interns are supervised by the Natural Resources Policy Manager and the Growth Management Intern is supervised by the Governmental Relations Manager.

Available: Six-Nine month position available on a rotating basis.

Qualifications: Strong commitment to the conservation of biodiversity, environmental quality, and natural resources. B.S. or B.A., preferably in environmental policy or the natural sciences. Working knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing applications. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Ability to work independently and show initiative and professionalism, under rapidly changing situations. Willing to work variable hours and to travel locally as necessary. Valid driver's license essential. GIS proficiency is a plus. The Conservancy is a DRUG FREE and SMOKE FREE workplace. Non-compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

Benefits: A learning experience that will provide the Conservation Associate with skills to prepare for a full-time job in the environmental policy field. Stipend of \$150 per week will be awarded to the Conservation Associate. Accident insurance and housing with washer and dryer are provided.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE – Sea Turtle Research (SUMMER 2009)

Description: Monitor three miles of beaches on Keewaydin Island and five miles of beaches for the City of Naples in the mornings for sea turtle nesting activity. Cage nests and tag nesting turtles on the southern 4.5 miles of Keewaydin Island at night.

Availability: 3 internships from April-August 2009; 1 internship April-October 2009.

Qualifications: - Minimum of a senior in one of the biological or environmental sciences, with BS or BA preferred; interest in field biology and willingness to work under adverse field conditions at night; working knowledge of the care and operation of ATVs, motorboats, and small engines an asset.

Responsibilities: Patrolling on an ATV to look for nesting sea turtles (nights and/or days); caging nests to prevent depredation by raccoons; tagging nesting females and accurately recording data on carapace dimensions and nest locations; monitor nest-hatching success by excavating nests and counting hatched and un-hatched eggs; safely operate ATV and a motorboat; maintain the ATVs, a generator, and a motorboat by changing the oil on a regularly scheduled basis, fixing flat tires, making sure gasoline is on the island to fuel the generator and ATVs; and preparing the equipment for the next evening after each night's field work is completed; keep the field station clean during the course of the summer; enter research information in computer system's database. Relate to the public in a cheerful, positive manner when asked questions about sea turtles while patrolling the beaches.

Benefits: An experience that will provide the Conservation Associate with an increased understanding and appreciation of Environmental Field Research. Minimum of a senior in one of the biological or environmental sciences, with BS or BA preferred; interest in field biology and willingness to work under adverse field conditions at night; working knowledge of the care and operation of ATVs, motorboats, and small engines an asset.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/SUMMER DAY CAMP (SUMMER 2009)

Description: Teach a variety of lessons in science and ecology both on and off site at an 8-week education intensive summer camp. Assist lead counselors with program development, before and after care, and program delivery to grades kindergarten through eighth. Serve as a responsible counselor and positive role model for campers. Lead games, crafts and field trips to area wildlife locations such as beaches, swamps and parks.

Availability: May 21 to August 8, 2009.

Qualifications: Must be at least a senior in college with an academic background in science, education or comparable discipline. Teaching experience preferred but not required. Strong commitment to environmental education and conservation. Good communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Ability to lift 50 pounds and willing to work outside in hot, humid and sometimes buggy conditions. Certifications in First Aid, CPR and life-saving or ability to obtain. Valid driver's license and a clean driving record. The Conservancy is a DRUG FREE and SMOKE FREE workplace. Non-compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

Benefits: The Conservation Associate will gain experience in the field of education, both classroom and field work, and environmental science/conservation. The Conservation Associate will gain extensive knowledge of southwest Florida's unique ecosystem, educational program development and will have numerous opportunities to visit beaches, swamps, barrier islands and other unique habitats. A stipend of \$150 weekly will be awarded to the Conservation Associate. Accident insurance, housing with washer and dryer and uniform shirts are also provided.

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