

Alaska SeaLife Center Internship Opportunity Marine Science Educator - Education Department

The Alaska SeaLife Center, a non-profit organization in Seward, Alaska, is accepting application packets for internship opportunities in the education department. The Alaska SeaLife Center is dedicated to understanding and maintaining the integrity of the marine ecosystem of Alaska through research, rehabilitation, conservation and public education. These are full time positions for sixteen weeks, February 23 - June 12, 2009. Some flexibility is possible to accommodate student schedules. Applications for this position are due by December 1st. A decision by ASLC staff will be made by January 15th. This is a great opportunity to work in a world-class marine facility that interprets cutting edge research as well as natural history.

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator

Open Sessions: Spring/Summer (February 23 - June 12)

Job Summary: Interns can expect to be teamed with the education staff to deliver fun, hands-on science programs to students in grades K-12. Our programs focus on marine biology, especially as it relates to the marine ecosystem of Alaska and the research conducted at the SeaLife Center. Interns will be responsible for coordinating school groups during their visits, including delivery of the education programs and working with teachers and chaperones. Other duties may include creating props and supplies for educational programs, assisting/teaching camp and/or in-school outreach programs, developing new educational programs, and assisting with special events.

Special Opportunities: Training will include opportunities to shadow various departments at the Center, including husbandry and interpretation.

Requirements: Applicants must be currently enrolled in or a recent graduate of an accredited college or university with a primary area of study in the field of Interpretation, Education, Environmental Studies, Biology, Oceanography or related field. Applicant should demonstrate enthusiasm for teaching science-related topics and have experience teaching science to groups of students, ages 5-18. Applicants must have the ability to understand and follow written and oral instruction and have effective communication skills. Applicants must possess the ability to adapt to an ever-changing work environment and be available to work nights, mornings, weekends and holidays. Public speaking skills are a must. Current First Aid and CPR preferred. Proof of current, within one year, Tuberculosis skin test and Tetanus booster, or physician's exemption is required.

Duties Include:

- Delivering marine science education programs for school groups and/or youth camps.
- Setting up and cleaning classrooms, materials and meals for school group programs.
- Interacting with teachers and adult chaperones of school groups.
- Monitoring school groups during 'self-guided' tours as part of education programs.
- Creating props, developing student activities, and revising educational materials.
- Stocking and maintaining education program materials.
- Assisting educators with other programs as needed.
- Performing other duties relating to the Center's goals and mission statement as required.

This is an unpaid position; housing and a food stipend are available to interns participating in the program. Interns are responsible for all travel expenses. Education interns must pass a background check prior to final acceptance into the program.

Send a cover letter, resume, application and two letters of reference to:

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