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Marine Education Specialist Summer Position

Overview

The Marine Education Specialist for Sea Turtle Camp must be a multi-talented individual with a strong desire to develop and provide marine science instruction that encompasses physical, chemical, geological, and biological oceanography. Our program attracts academically strong teen applicants that complete an application process to attend. This position requires the candidate to work as part of a team to inspire, instruct, and provide care to a group of 12 students. Applicant must have a passion for marine stewardship, teaching, and inspiring youth. Teamwork and dedication are important, and the applicant must provide feedback to all Sea Turtle Camp staff and volunteers at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital. Last but not least, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure students stay safe while having an awesome and life enriching experience.

Skills & Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications

- ❖ BA or BS in marine biology, environmental science/education related field (or working on)
- ❖ At least 20 years of age
- ❖ Must be in excellent physical condition
- ❖ Current certifications: CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid
- ❖ Experience in marine science, education, and camp counselor related field
- ❖ Strong desire to change the world for the better through education and action!
- ❖ Willing to work long hours while maintaining energy and stamina
- ❖ Strong communication, decision making, logistical, and organizational skills
- ❖ No conflicting summer commitments including travel, work, or other leave of absence
- ❖ Proven ability to effectively manage and organize students
- ❖ Able to pass a government background check
- ❖ Clean driving record
- ❖ Cell phone

Desired Skills

- ❖ Master's in marine biology or environmental science/education related field
- ❖ American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification
- ❖ Wilderness First Aid Certification
- ❖ Experience working with sea turtles
- ❖ Familiarity with southeastern marine ecosystems and organisms
- ❖ Environmental education certification or teaching credential
- ❖ Bilingual – English and Spanish

Principal Responsibilities

During the summer months, we operate overnight marine biology camps for teenagers varying in length from 6 days up to 2 weeks. Working in collaboration with two other Sea Turtle Camp staff members, you will provide 24-hour supervision for campers both in the suites and in the field. Activities primarily take place on Topsail Island at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital, where the students will be assist interns with animal husbandry and care of the endangered and threatened species.

Individual must maintain a strong skill set in the following areas: lesson development, organization, punctuality, problem solving, as well as have a solid attention to detail. These skills are crucial in

order for you to provide the best possible experience for each camper. Programs do require work on weekends and holidays, though there is some time off between camps to recharge.

The Sea Turtle Camp Staff responsibilities are listed below but may not be limited to this list.

- ❖ Organize, develop and implement Sea Turtle Camp curriculum for teens
- ❖ Present and direct educational activities on topics such as:
 - Sea turtle life histories
 - Invertebrate zoology
 - Barrier island ecology
 - Functionality of salt marsh
 - Coastal geology
 - Fish identification
 - Dissections
- ❖ Put students' needs before your own
- ❖ Get to know each camper, and make them feel welcome, included, and accepted
- ❖ Coordinate activities with interns and volunteers at Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital
- ❖ Work with outfitters to organize and coordinate additional activities
- ❖ Facilitate sunrise/sunset nest walks with patrol groups
- ❖ Oversee participants safety, medication administration, and dietary preferences
- ❖ Follow proper Accident Protocol when necessary
- ❖ Safely transport students in 15 passenger vans
- ❖ Be knowledgeable about Sea Turtle Camp as a company, as well as its diversity of programs
- ❖ Organize and participate in all camp activities
- ❖ Assist daily setup and breakdown responsibilities with your team
- ❖ Serve as a positive role model for youth

Compensation

The stipend for this fellowship position will be \$2,400 for the summer season. In addition, the stipend package will also include accommodations and meals during the summer program, valued at an additional \$2,000.

Position Duration

Programs run from early June – early August at our flagship program on Topsail Island, NC. Additional specialty and travel positions may be available. Candidates would need to attend the mandatory Sea Turtle Camp training in the beginning of June.

About Sea Turtle Camp:

Sea Turtle Camp was created to immerse teens in the field of marine biology and empower them to be proactive and take ownership of their environment; we develop focused, responsible, independent individuals who know how to have fun while being stewards of the ocean. While we can't solve all the world's problems, we know that one person can make a difference, and a camp full of eager knowledge-hungry teens can make a huge difference.

One of our goals is to share our passion for life and teach young adults how to mold that into a selfless, hard working, team of individuals that can recognize problems and work towards solving them. Through our grass roots approach, we strive to show teens a wide variety of possibilities at a time in their life when they have many potential roads to follow. In so doing they will learn about the rewards of selfless giving in their community, gain exposure to other cultures, and experience different career paths.

Contact

To learn more about positions with Sea Turtle Camp, please contact our Program Coordinator at coordinator@seaturtlecamp.com.