

## **TREE and SHRUB Intern Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**

Students Helping Restore Unique Biomes (SHRUB) and Teens Restoring Endangered Ecosystems (TREE) programs of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area are educational programs designed for elementary and middle school students. The SHRUB and TREE Intern will assist with both programs which take place on Thursdays and some Saturdays at Rancho Sierra Vista-Satwiwa in Newbury Park. Interns will assist with logistics, site preparation and maintenance, hands-on lessons, and student supervision.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade SHRUB program involves 60-70 students visiting the park every month to restore a ¼ acre plot of land. Students also participate in natural history lessons, 1-hour hikes, and are trained to develop and present programs related to their year-long study. The TREE program for middle school students also focuses on hands-on habitat restoration work in the park and plant propagation activities at the school's plant nursery. Leadership activities, science-based lessons and birding activities are also woven into the curriculum.

### **Duties**

- Assist or lead TREE or SHRUB lessons for up to 30-35 students
- Prepare and maintain restoration sites
- Assist in nursery operations, including seed collection and propagation
- Develop educational materials and activities (Optional)

### **Requirements**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Background in biology, botany, ecology, or education is beneficial.
- Current college enrollment or recent graduation from college.
- Interest in restoration ecology and education.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Minimum 16 hours/week; additional hours may be available. Work schedule is flexible. However, must be available on Thursdays from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm to assist with scheduled school program.
- Housing is not available.
- Must provide own transportation to restoration site in Newbury Park, CA.
- Must have valid driver's license and good driving record.
- A stipend of \$20 for each eight hours worked may be available.

### **Work Site and Conditions**

- Programs will take place at Rancho Sierra Vista / Satwiwa or at the schools in Newbury Park.
- Position is for the 2010 / 2011 school year. Length of internship to be worked out with the supervisor.

- Position can involve strenuous field work including motorized augering and brush-cutting, digging, and carrying equipment/supplies weighing up to 25 lbs. Interns must be in good physical condition.

To apply, please send letter of application (state how this position would benefit your career), resume, three reference contacts, and unofficial transcript by e-mail to: [sheila\\_braden@nps.gov](mailto:sheila_braden@nps.gov)

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