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Summer Internship

Interpretation (Resource Education), Maryland District

This is an interpretive naturalist position located within the division of interpretation at Assateague Island National Seashore. The position is in the Maryland District of the island. Although considered a volunteer assignment, the student will work alongside salaried seasonal and permanent naturalists and have similar duties and performance requirements.

Required Background:

- College level academic background in natural science or education
- Public speaking skills
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to work and deal harmoniously with co-workers and park visitors
- Writing skills

Dates of Service: This is a 12-week position, requiring weekend and evening duty shifts. The workweek consists of 5 days (40 hours) with 2 consecutive days off. Summer internship will begin **June 5, 2011.**

Duties and Responsibilities: The intern will spend considerable time learning about the resource and preparing personal programs. Summer interns will participate in a 2-week training program beginning Monday, June 7. From mid June until the end of the tour of duty (Saturday, August 28, 2010), the intern's program responsibilities will be expanded and s/he will perform nearly all duties expected of a salaried naturalist. **Applicants must be available for the entire internship from June 5 through August 27.** Education/interpretation programs include, beach walks, bay discovery programs, aquarium talks, children's crafts, crabbing and clamming demonstrations, and campfire programs. The

opportunity to lead guided kayak trips may also be available.
Considerable physical exertion is required in these activities.

Each intern will learn the basics of marine biology and barrier island ecology and, in turn, provide interpretation of this knowledge to visitors through regularly scheduled beach, ecology, and marsh walks. Visitor center information desk duty should be anticipated along with bookshop sales. The student must interpret the center's aquatic specimens in a saltwater aquarium, adjacent touch tank and beachcombing exhibit. On certain evenings roving contacts will be made in the campgrounds.

Housing, Uniforms, and Per Diem: Assateague Island National Seashore provides free housing for its resident volunteers. In the Maryland District, these quarters consist of dormitory style houses and rooms are shared. Quarters are completely furnished, with the exception of linens and specialized cooking utensils. Camping site/RV pad is not available for this position. Intern must provide his or her own transportation to and from the seashore. The National Park Service will provide a uniform. Volunteers receive \$20 per day.

Work Environment and Area Information: Assateague Island is hot and humid in the summer. Biting flies, mosquitoes and ticks are a natural part of the resource experience. The intern can expect to exert some degree of physical effort in outdoor programs.

The Maryland District is located 8 miles from Ocean City, a sizable resort community. The small town of Berlin, Maryland, with shopping, banks, and supermarkets, is also 8 miles away. It is highly desirable that interns have some kind of personal transportation, and bicycles are helpful. Non-car-owners should expect to share some gasoline costs with seasonal employees who have vehicles.

If you are interested send:

- A cover letter or formal Email stating your reason for interest in the position. (liz_davis@nps.gov)
- Resume (including at least 2 references)
- Grade transcript (need not be official)

Applicants must be willing to commit for the full 12 weeks (Monday, June 5 through Saturday, August 27).

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