Assateague Island National Seashore

Summer Internships – Resource Education
Maryland & Virginia Districts

These resource education positions are located within the division of interpretation at Assateague Island National Seashore. These positions are in the Maryland and Virginia Districts of the island. Although considered a volunteer assignment, the intern 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 preferred, but not necessary
- Public speaking and writing skills
- Valid driver's license

Dates of Service: This is a 12-week position requiring weekend work. The workweek consists of 5 days (40 hours) with 2 consecutive days off. The summer resource education position will begin May 26, 2020. Applicants must be available for the entire internship from May 26 through August 15, 2020.

Duties and Responsibilities: The intern will spend considerable time learning about the resource and preparing education programs. Summer interns will participate in a two week training program beginning Monday, June 4. After training, the intern will perform nearly all duties and programs expected of a salaried naturalist. Education/interpretation programs include, beach walks, bay discovery programs, aquarium talks, children’s crafts, crabbing and clamming demonstrations, surf fishing and kayaking.

Each intern will learn the basics of marine biology and barrier island ecology and, in turn, provide interpretation of this knowledge to school students and visitors through regularly scheduled beach, ecology, and marsh walks. Visitor center information desk duty should be anticipated along with bookshop sales. The intern must interpret the center's aquatic specimens in a saltwater aquarium and touch tank. The intern will be expected to independently ‘rove’ to make visitor contacts.

Housing, Uniforms, and Stipend: Assateague Island National Seashore provides free housing for interns who live more than 50 miles away from Assateague Island. Housing is dormitory style and rooms are shared. Houses 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 own transportation to and from the seashore. The National Park Service will provide a uniform shirt; interns must provide khaki pants and shorts, socks, belt and shoes. Interns receive a reimbursement for food and living expenses.

Work Environment:
Assateague Island can be windy and cold in the late spring and 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 a physical effort in outdoor programs.

To apply, submit the following:
- A cover letter or formal email stating your reason for interest in the position. Please indicate which district you would like to be considered for.
- Resume (including at least 2 references)
- Grade transcript (does not need to be official)
- E-mail information to Kelly_Taylor@nps.gov or mail to Kelly Taylor, Assateague Island National Seashore, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811
- Position will remain open until the appropriate candidate is found.