

## **EcoHelpers Intern**

### **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**

The EcoHelpers program offers restoration/education activities for high students at national parklands in the Santa Monica Mountains. The EcoHelpers intern may assist with recruitment, scheduling, site preparation, logistics, and field trips.



### **Duties**

- Lead or assist EcoHelpers field trips.
- Programs include planting native plants and removing invasive crayfish, as well as leading a guided hike.
- Prepare and maintain restoration sites.
- May assist with nursery operations.
- May assist with special weekend events.

### **Requirements**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Background in biology, botany, ecology, public speaking 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.
- Good communication skills and willing to work with high school students.
- Must provide own transportation to education headquarters in Newbury Park, or work sites in the Santa Monica Mountains.
- Valid driver's license and good driving record is required to drive a government vehicle.
- Government background check may be required.

### **Work Sites and Conditions**

- Report to office at Rancho Sierra Vista in Newbury Park.
- Programs and duties take place at Zuma Canyon in Malibu and Paramount Ranch in Agoura Hills.
- Position can involve strenuous field work including motorized auguring and brush-cutting, digging, carrying, and watering. Interns must be in good physical condition.
- Programs generally occur Tues – Fri. The intern must be available a minimum of 2-3 half-days (8-12 hours) per week.
- Minimum commitment of October-May part time during the normal school year.
- Interns may be eligible for stipend of \$20 per 8 hours worked.

## How to Apply

To apply, submit the following documents via email to [ryan\\_stead@nps.gov](mailto:ryan_stead@nps.gov).

- Letter of intent (include how the position will benefit your career, the dates you are available, whether you need housing, your understanding that this internship is unpaid, except for the stipend, and that you have your own vehicle for transportation to and from work)
- Resume
- Transcripts (unofficial are acceptable)
- Three references

For additional questions contact [ryan\\_stead@nps.gov](mailto:ryan_stead@nps.gov).



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