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Spring Internship Interpretation (Resource Education), Virginia District

This is an environmental education position located within the division of interpretation at Assateague Island National Seashore. The position is in the Virginia District 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
- 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 duty shifts. The workweek consists of 5 days (40 hours) with 2 consecutive days off. The Spring internship will begin **March 27, 2011.**

Duties and Responsibilities: The intern will spend considerable time learning about the resource and preparing education programs. Participants will take part in a busy environmental education program, as well as preparation of selected weekend programs and activities presented for the public (demonstrations, nature walks, aquarium talks, etc.). Interns must be willing to work with primary grade level students and use a variety of educational techniques including puppetry, poetry and singing. Education programs are curriculum-based, Pre-Kindergarten through high school. Considerable physical exertion is required in these activities. **Applicants must be available for the entire internship from March 27 through June 18.**

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, adjacent touch tank and beachcombing exhibit.

Housing, Uniforms, and Per Diem: Assateague Island National Seashore provides free housing for its resident interns and volunteers. Housing is dormitory style and rooms are shared. Housing is completely furnished, with the exception of linens. Intern must provide his or her own transportation to and from the seashore. The National Park Service will provide a uniform. Interns receive \$20 per day.

Work Environment and Area Information:

Assateague Island can be windy, cold, and variable in the 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 some degree of physical effort in outdoor programs.

The Virginia district office is located near Chincoteague Island, a small resort community containing the basic amenities, such as banks, medical centers, groceries, shops and post office. It is highly desirable that the intern have some kind of personal transportation. Bicycles are helpful.

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, March 27 through Saturday, June 18).

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