

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERNSHIP

JOB TITLE: Volunteer Resource Educator (Three positions)

DATES: March 28 through June 30, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until positions are filled



COMPENSATION:

(1) Free housing in a dormitory setting at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon.

(2) \$200/week stipend from 'Friends of Yaquina Lights', a non-profit organization dedicated to support the educational and interpretive services of Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.

(3) Professional training in environmental education, intertidal ecology, and other natural and cultural history of the Oregon Coast.

WORK SCHEDULE:

Resource Educators work eight hours/day for five days/week including some holidays, nights, and weekends.

THE AREA:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, a 100-acre park managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is located on a prominent headland three miles north of Newport on Oregon's scenic central coast. Nestled comfortably between the Pacific Ocean and the coastal range, Newport offers the convenience and amenities of larger urban areas with the relaxed, friendly atmosphere of a small town.

GENERAL POSITION DUTIES:

Volunteer Resource Educators at Yaquina Head are part of the park's Interpretation Division. A typical day might include exploring tide pools with K-12 students, describing the migration of gray whales, answering questions about the area at the site's Interpretive Center, greeting visitors at the Entrance Station, or assisting with historical interpretation of Oregon's tallest lighthouse.

DUTIES:

Approximately 4,000 Kindergarten through 12th grade students visit Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area during April, May, and June each year. With the guidance of the Education Coordinator, Volunteer Resource Educators will:

- Instruct grade-specific intertidal ecology programs for K-12 students (adaptations, zonation, biodiversity).
- Assist with costumed living history programs.
- Assist in developing instructional materials including curriculum for on-site programs and pre/post materials for classroom teachers.
- Provide information and informal interpretive services for the general public.
- Staff the Interpretive Center information desk and potentially perform fee collection at the Entrance Station.
- Perform administrative tasks associated with the program and park operations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

This position provides excellent career-oriented experience for anyone interested in environmental education, resource education, and natural/historic interpretation.

Applicants *must* have:

- Demonstrated enthusiasm and interest for working with children, park visitors, and natural and historic resources.
- Ability to regularly climb and descend the lighthouse stairs (114 steps) and the steps (134) leading to Cobble Beach.
- Ability to walk safely on slippery, algae-covered rocks in the tide pool area.
- Capability to live in close quarters with co-workers.
- A personal vehicle for transportation to and from the housing area to Yaquina Head – a distance of six miles.
- A valid driver's license.

Successful applicants have been current college students and recent graduates with degrees in the fields of education, interpretation, natural resources, parks and recreation, and theater.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MISSION:

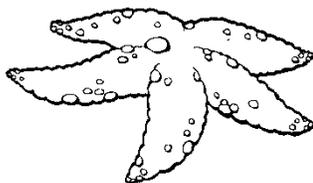
The mission of the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is “to preserve, protect, and enhance the area’s cultural and natural heritage while providing a variety of educational, interpretive, and recreational experiences for all visitors.”

Yaquina Head’s education programs emphasize park stewardship through “hands-on, hearts-on, and minds-on” engagement of the area’s resources.

TO APPLY:

Send a resume, cover letter, and a list of three references (including name, position, and contact information) to:

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