YAQUINA HEAD OUTSTANDING NATURAL AREA

INTERPRETIVE GUIDE INTERNSHIP

JOB TITLE: Volunteer Resource Interpreter (Three positions)

DATES: June 15 through October 31, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until all positions are filled

COMPENSATION:

(1) Free housing in a dormitory setting at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center.
(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) Onsite training in interpretive techniques and the natural and cultural history of the Oregon Coast.

WORK SCHEDULE:

Resource Interpreters work 40 hours/week including 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 Interpreters at Yaquina Head become part of the park's interpretive team. A typical day might include exploring tide pools with visitors, describing the migration of gray whales or seabirds, answering questions about the area at the site's Interpretive Center, collecting fees at the Entrance Station, or leading costumed interpretive tours of Oregon's tallest lighthouse.

DUTIES:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area receives over 340,000 visitors annually with visitation highest in the summer. With the guidance of the Education Coordinator, Volunteer Resource Interpreters will:

- Present costumed, interpretive history tours of Yaquina Head Lighthouse.
- Provide informal interpretive services for the general public focusing on intertidal ecology, seabird rookeries, harbor seals, and migrating whales.
- Staff the Interpretive Center desk and provide visitor services.
- Greet visitors and collect fees at the Entrance Station.
- Assist with related administrative duties and projects.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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.
- 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 college students and graduates who are team players with degrees in the fields of education, interpretation, public history, natural resources, recreation, and theater.

OUR 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."

TO APPLY:

Send a resume, cover letter, and a list of three professional references to:

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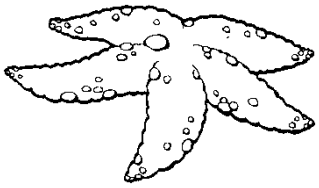

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