



INTERPRETATION AND EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS

JOB TITLE: Resource Education Internships (Three positions open)

DATES: April 2 - October 1, 2007 (6 months)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled or closing date of February 16, 2007

COMPENSATION:

Benefits:

- (1) free housing at the Hatfield Marine Science Center (located 5 miles south of Yaquina Head);
- (2) a \$200/week stipend from Friends of the Yaquina Lighthouses, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and the preservation of Yaquina Head Lighthouse and the natural resources of Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area;
- (3) professional certification through the National Association of Interpretation's (NAI) Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) training program; and
- (4) professional development opportunities to train and network with employees from the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Parks, Hatfield Marine Science Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

WORK SCHEDULE:

Spring: 40 hours/week, Saturdays and Sundays off.

Summer: 40 hours/week, two weekdays off each week.

Resource educators should expect to work on holidays year-round and weekends during the summer.

THE AREA:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, a 100 acre park managed by the Bureau of Land Management, is located on a prominent headland just three miles north of Newport on Oregon's scenic central coast. Nestled comfortably between the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Range, the city of Newport offers the convenience of its larger counterparts within the relaxed atmosphere of a small town.

GENERAL POSITION DUTIES:

Resource Educators at Yaquina Head may find themselves exploring tidepools with elementary school students, describing the migration of gray whales as they swim past, answering questions about the area at the site's interpretive center, and greeting visitors at the fee collection booth, or guiding visitors into the past within Oregon's tallest lighthouse.

SPRING SEASON DUTIES:

Approximately 5000 students (K-College) visit Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area during April, May, and June each year. During the spring, with the guidance of the chief park ranger and education coordinator, the resource educators will:

- Instruct grade-specific intertidal ecology programs for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students and provide tidepool orientations for all other visiting groups.
- Present living history tours of the lighthouse for school groups and the visiting public.
- Develop educational materials and a system of inventory and maintenance.
- Staff the interpretive center information desk and the fee collection booth.
- Provide information on the natural and cultural history for the general public.



SUMMER SEASON DUTIES:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area receives over 300,000 visitors annually. Visitation is highest in the summer. During the summer, with the guidance of the chief park ranger and education coordinator, the resource educators will:

- Develop, market, and present an interpretive evening program at Yaquina Head and nearby Oregon state park campgrounds.
- Develop, market, and present a junior ranger program at Yaquina Head.
- Present interpretive intertidal walks.
- Staff the interpretive center information desk and the fee collection booth.
- Provide education to general public on local wildlife from observation decks, using our tidepool, seal, whale, bird education kits and spotting scopes.
- Present living history tours of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse.
- Represent the BLM and Yaquina Head at special community events through educational activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

This internship provides excellent career-oriented experience for anyone interested in environmental education, resource management, and/or historical interpretation. No prior experience is necessary. Applicants *must* have:

- A valid driver's license.
- Ability to climb and descend the lighthouse (110 steps) twice per hour.
- Ability to walk on slippery rocks in the tidepool area.
- A personal vehicle (transportation to and from housing area to Yaquina Head)
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for working with children and park visitors.
- Successful applicants have been college students and graduates with degrees in the fields of education, interpretation, natural resources, recreation and parks, history, and theater.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM MISSION:

The Bureau of Land Management education and interpretive programs at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area emphasize park stewardship through "hands-on", "hearts-on", and "minds-on" engagement in the area's resources.

TO APPLY:

Send a resume, cover letter, and a list of three reference contacts to:

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