VOLUNTEER RESOURCE EDUCATOR

JOB TITLE: Resource Education Apprentice (Three positions)

DATES: Immediately/Until Filled through June 26, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications are accepted year-round. Applicants are usually selected by mid-February, but candidates are considered until positions are filled.

COMPENSATION:
(1) Free housing in a dormitory setting.
(2) $200/week stipend from Friends of Yaquina Lights Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to education and preservation of Yaquina Head Lighthouse and the natural resources of Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area.
(3) Hands-on training includes: environmental education, natural and cultural history of the Oregon Coast, and professional opportunities to network with employees from the Bureau of Land Management and other area groups.

WORK SCHEDULE:
Resource Educators work 40 hours/week including early morning and/or evening shifts.

THE AREA:
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, a 100 acre park managed by the Bureau of Land Management, 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 may find themselves exploring tide pools with K-12 school students, describing the migration of gray whales, answering questions about the area at the site's interpretive center, greeting visitors and collecting fees at the entrance station, or implementing costumed interpretation of Oregon’s tallest lighthouse.

DUTIES:
Approximately 5000, K-12 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.
- Assist with teacher-led programs (K-12).
- Present costumed, living history programs.
- Assist in developing instructional materials and curriculum.
- Staff the Interpretive Center information desk and fee collection booth.
- Provide information and informal interpretive services for the general public.
- Perform administrative tasks associated with the program and park operations.
QUALIFICATIONS:
This internship 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 (111 steps) and Cobble Beach steps (134 steps).
- Ability to navigate safely on slippery rocks in the tide pool area.
- A personal vehicle for transportation to and from the housing area to Yaquina Head, and a valid driver's license.

Successful applicants have been college students and graduates with degrees in the fields of education, interpretation, public history, natural resources, recreation and parks, and theater. However, no prior experience or academic degree is required to apply.

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.”

The Bureau of Land Management’s education and interpretive programs at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area 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 reference contacts to:

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