Oregon Wild Internships

Founded in 1974, Oregon Wild is a non-profit conservation organization that works to protect and restore the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that make our state such a special place. Our major campaign areas include Wilderness and forest protection, and protection and restoration of native fish and wildlife, and Oregon’s rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

Oregon Wild has a limited number of non-paid internship opportunities. These internships offer participants an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a conservation advocacy organization while also supporting the mission of Oregon Wild.

**Eugene Conservation Technology Intern – Summer 2016**

**General responsibilities:**
This 3 to 4 month internship will focus on a variety of technology-based conservation program support projects, and can be somewhat tailored to the interests and skills of the selected intern.

- **Conservation Database & Mapping Support – 50%**
  Update and improve Filemaker Pro database to better serve conservation staff needs. Use mapping and GIS tools to develop system for mapping public lands management activities and integrate into Oregon Wild monitoring efforts.

- **Outdoor Program Support – 50%**
  Develop web based hike information pages and integrate into Oregon Wild website. Generate informational brochures for our outdoor program, including researching natural history and trail information for specific areas, and writing and laying out brochures.

**Minimum Qualifications:**
Oregon Wild staff, interns, and volunteers care deeply about and work hard to protect Oregon’s wildlands, wildlife, and waters. We also make sure to enjoy our work and the values we seek to protect.

The ideal candidate for this position will have a demonstrated interest and academic or practical foundation in a related field. The candidate must be able to take direction and work with a team, but also be able to take initiative, work independently, and be self-directed. Experience with database technology and systems is desired. Working knowledge and experience using ArcGIS web-based mapping tools and software is also desired. Experience with basic graphic design software and an eye for design and editing detail are preferred.
Students studying in the areas of geography, public policy, computer science, environmental studies, or environmental science, as well as non-students looking to pursue a career in conservation are encouraged to apply, so long as they have the required skills.

**Compensation:**
This is an unpaid internship. However, it may be tailored to meet requirements for academic credit.

**Work Schedule:**
20 hours/week for 12-16 weeks, flexible schedule. Internship dates can be flexible between mid-May and mid-September.

**Work environment:**
The internship is based in Oregon Wild’s Eugene office at 1238 Lincoln Street. There are three Oregon Wild staff in this office, and there may be another intern working there this summer as well. This position’s supervisor is Chandra LeGue, Western Oregon Field Coordinator. Dress is casual but neat.

**To Apply:**
E-mail your contact information along with a short cover letter (max. 1 page), resume, availability (dates & hours/week), and two references. Please send with the subject line “Conservation Technology Intern” to:

Chandra LeGue  
Western Oregon Field Coordinator  
cl@oregonwild.org  
541-344-0675

Deadline to apply is April 8, 2016.
**Questions for Interview**

What do you want to get out of it?

What do you know about Oregon Wild?

Will you be getting credit or a stipend or something?

How many hours and over what time period can you work?

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