Environment Oregon Internship

The Organization

Environment Oregon is a statewide, grassroots environmental advocacy organization dedicated to protecting Oregon’s clean water, clean air, and open spaces. We coordinate with sister organizations across the country to win critical environmental protections at the national level, and work here in Oregon to promote responsible environmental stewardship. Combining independent research, grassroots mobilization, and tough-minded advocacy, our staff stand up to special interests to produce real results for Oregon’s environment.

The Campaigns

Summer 2012 Interns will work on one of our preservation campaigns:

- Keep Plastic Out of the Pacific: A toxic soup of trash called the Pacific Garbage Patch is swirling off our coast. Too much of the trash comes from single-use plastic bags, which choke, suffocate or kill millions of turtles, birds and other marine wildlife each year. We’re working to make Oregon the first state to ban plastic bags.
- Protect Crater Lake: Logging companies want to clearcut thousands of acres of forest around Crater Lake. We’re building local support to convince Congress to designate 500,000 acres in and around the Crater Lake National Forest as a protected Wilderness Area.
- Shifting Oregon to Clean Energy: Too much of our energy comes from dirty sources that harm our environment. But by tapping the power of the sun and the wind we can repower our lives with clean energy that doesn’t pollute and never runs out.

The Internship

Responsibilities:
The Environment Oregon internship is designed to help train the next generation of Oregon’s environmental leaders by instilling the skills, ethics, and drive it takes to win campaigns. We are looking for people who work hard, communicate effectively, and are dedicated to positive social change; responsibilities include grassroots organizing, media outreach and organizational building. Interns will have the opportunity to develop and execute campaign strategies for winning critical parts of our state-wide efforts. Specific responsibilities include:

Grassroots Organizing:
1) Identifying and organizing businesses, local leaders, and citizens to promote environmental protections
2) Media outreach: Assist in organizing a press event and writing letters to local papers
3) Collecting petitions, running activist phone-banks, and using our network to pressure on local leaders directly

Organization Building:
1) News Watch: Track media for stories and opinion pieces relevant to our campaign and organization
2) Donor Research: Identifying strong supporters and building the organization through grassroots outreach
3) Maintaining reports on local political climate, researching opportunities for environmental progress
4) Administrative: Help ensure the office and organization continue to run efficiently

Expectations:
Interns must work a minimum of 10 hours per week for at least 3 months on a regular schedule, as determined at the beginning of the summer. Interns must be on time and prepared. They must be able to work independently as well as in groups. This is an unpaid internship; it may be completed for college credit.

To Apply:
Please send a resume, and cover letter to sarah@environmentoregon.org. You can also apply online at: http://www.environmentamerica.org/jobs/available-positions/internships/online-internship-application

Environment Oregon is a citizen-funded environmental advocacy organization representing 30,000 Oregonians. Our mission is to protect clean air, clean water, and open space. Our professional staff combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to win real results for Oregon’s environment. Environment Oregon draws on 30 years of success in tackling our state’s top environmental problems.