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, protection and restoration of native fish and wildlife, and the protection and restoration of 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 & Outreach Intern – Summer 2014

General responsibilities:
This 3 to 4 month internship will focus on one major project, as well as a variety of other outreach and conservation program tasks.

- Outreach and general program assistance – 60%
  Represent Oregon Wild in the community to advance understanding of conservation and build support for campaigns. Examples include tabling and organizing volunteers at important community events, developing outreach materials, assisting Oregon Wild staff with events and with our summer hikes program, distributing newsletters, attending field tours and events, and contributing content to the Oregon Wild website.

- Special Project – 40%
  Work with Oregon Wild staff to develop and implement plan for outreach and business partnerships with local breweries that see the connection between healthy watersheds and great beer. Work will include researching appropriate business partners, meetings with business representatives, developing outreach and marketing materials for business partnerships, and planning associated events to promote the “Forest Beer Alliance.”

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 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. The candidate should be able to enthusiastically and effectively advocate for sound conservation policies and should possess solid written and verbal communication skills. A working knowledge of technology including web-based tools is desired. Experience with basic graphic design software and website design tools is a plus.
Students studying in the areas of environmental studies, environmental science, conservation, advocacy, sustainable businesses, and political science as well as non-students looking to pursue a career in conservation and/or advocacy are encouraged to apply.

Due to the nature of the special project, intern candidates will ideally be over the age of 21.

**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.

**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 and Outreach Intern” to:

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Deadline to apply is April 18, 2014.