VOLUNTEER RESOURCE INTERPRETER

JOB TITLE: Resource Interpretation Intern (Three positions)

DATES: June 15 through October 31, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled

COMPENSATION:
(1) Free housing
(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) Onsite training includes: interpretative techniques, natural and cultural history of the Oregon Coast, and professional development opportunities to train and network with employees from the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Parks, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

WORK SCHEDULE:
Resource Educators work 40 hours/week including holidays, nights and weekends.

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 Interpreters at Yaquina Head will become part of the interpretive team. A typical day might include exploring tide pools, describing the migration of gray whales, answering questions about the area at the site’s interpretive center, collecting fees at the entrance station, or leading costumed interpretive tours of Oregon’s tallest lighthouse.

DUTIES:
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area receives over 340,000 visitors annually with visitation highest in the summer. With the guidance of the Education Coordinator, Volunteer Resource Interpreters will:
- Present costumed, interpretive history tours of Yaquina Head Lighthouse.
- Provide informal interpretive services for the general public focusing on intertidal ecology, seabird rookeries, harbor seals, and migrating whales.
- Greet visitors and collect fees at the Entrance Station.
- Staff the Interpretive Center desk and provide visitor serves.
- Assist with related administrative duties.
QUALIFICATIONS:
This internship provides excellent career-oriented experience for anyone interested in natural/historic interpretation, or resource education.

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.”

TO APPLY:
Send a resume, cover letter, and three reference contacts to:

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