Calapooia Watershed Council

Environmental Education Internship

The Organization: The Calapooia Watershed Council conducts habitat restoration, monitoring and outreach education in the Calapooia watershed area. Our Youth Education Program is currently building capacity to serve more youth in the region with the goal of getting more kids outside to become familiar with local watershed resources and the science of watershed health. The Council firmly believes that education of tomorrow’s leaders is essential in creating a community that values and stewards our streams natural resources. We work with teachers and administrators in local schools within the watershed to conduct youth watershed education programs at the elementary and high school levels.

Position Description: The Calapooia Watershed Education Interns will help deliver environmental education programs to 4th-6th grade students in the Linn county area. Training will be provided in preparation for intensive field trip programs in which interns will lead 30 to 50-minute interactive learning stations on pre-determined watershed topics. Interns sign up for a minimum of 4 days. There are two seasonal programs to choose from; Spring or Fall (or you may do both). Approximately 12 interns are needed for each season.

For more information about Calapooia Watershed Council’s Education Programs see:
http://www.calapooia.org/what-we-do/outdoor-education/

Intern Duties and Responsibilities:
(Sign up for Spring or Fall, or both)

SPRING PROGRAM
• Training: Interns are required to attend a training covering all learning station topics. The training will take place in April, and will include basic science background and concepts for each topic, demonstration of program delivery and practice leading the station of your choice.

• Spring Field Days Program, May, 2015: Lead learning stations during field trips for 4th-6th graders. Interns will participate in field program delivery from approximately 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on program days. Learning stations take place simultaneously and are repeated 4-5 times during each day. Field trips will take place in and near the city of Albany. Interns are expected to sign up for 4 to 13 field days.

• Coordination and Evaluation, on-going: Interns will meet with the Education Coordinator at least once for approximately 30 minutes after the training and before program delivery. Interns will complete a program evaluation form at the end of their internship.

FALL PROGRAM
• Training: Interns are required to attend a one-day training covering all learning station topics. The training will take place in August, and will include basic science background and concepts for each topic, demonstration of program delivery and practice leading the station of your choice.

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<td>Intro</td>
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<td>Watersheds 101 interactive model demonstration</td>
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<td>Wonders of Wetland Ecology</td>
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<td>Where Does the Rain Go: Stormwater Investigation</td>
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<td>Water Quality Data Collection, or Stewardship Activity</td>
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**Salmon Watch Program, September, 2015:** Lead learning stations during field trips for 4th-6th graders. Interns will participate in field program delivery from approximately 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on program days. Learning stations take place simultaneously and are repeated 4 times during each day. Field trips will take place out of town at salmon spawning locations to be determined. Learning station topics include 1) salmon biology, 2) riparian area function, 3) macroinvertebrate sampling, and 4) water quality sampling. Interns are expected to sign up for at least 4 days.

**Required skills, knowledge and abilities:**

- Dependability
- Flexibility
- Strong communication, teamwork and leadership skills.
- Ability to take direction and initiative.
- Currently enrolled in education OR natural resources related degree program at community college or university.
- Strong interest in teaching/leading environmental education programs.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather.
- Ability to lift 25 pounds.
- Criminal background checks will be required.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience working with elementary aged children.
- Basic understanding of natural processes, natural history subjects.
- Receiving credit for internship through college or university.

**Compensation:** Interns receive $50 per field day. We highly encourage you to check with your college or university about receiving credit for this internship.

**Supervision:** The intern will work under the guidance and supervision of the Youth Program Coordinator.

**Work Environment:** This position requires working in an outdoor setting, in varied weather conditions, with young children, teachers and field trip volunteers. Interns must arrange their transportation to field sites. Salmon Watch field sites could be as far as Mill City.

**To Apply:** Submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to Bessie Joyce by noon on Friday, February 20th, 2015 by email bjoyce@calapooia.org. Phone 541 466 3493.