UPPER DESCHUTES
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Environmental Education Internship

Internship Summary:

In partnership with the Children's Forest of Central Oregon, the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is offering an educational internship opportunity. The intern will play an active role assisting the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council with many aspects of our watershed education program. The intern will work closely with the Watershed Council's Education Director and Field Instructor to help deliver watershed education projects and events throughout the spring. Utilizing strong communication skills, an enthusiasm for teaching, and an interest in natural resources, the intern will have valuable opportunities to assist with a diversity of elements within the Watershed Council's education program. Program activities may include: teaching streamside learning activities, delivering classroom presentations, and developing watershed curricular materials and activities. The interns will also have multiple opportunities to connect with the Children's Forest of Central Oregon, assist with collaborative events, and network with Children's Forest partners. The internship hours are flexible: 10 hours per week with occasional weekend and evening events.

Internship Dates: March 15th – June 15th, 2017

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to): The intern will spend the majority of his/her time as an educator, working with local students at streamside learning projects as well as in the classroom. In addition, general program support (including in-classroom support to teachers, delivery of watershed education publications, collaboration with partners, and in-office work) will occupy a portion of his/her time.

Requirements:

1. Interest in traditional and/or non-traditional education programs.
2. Enthusiasm for working with students in outdoor education.
3. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
4. Willingness to work occasional evenings and weekends as necessary, and to travel periodically (safe, competent driver, insured)
5. Ability to work independently as well as being a strong team player, with a minimum of supervision.
6. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
7. Regular and reliable attendance.
8. Completed background check.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. At least one year of successful work experience in education, natural resources, community development, and/or youth development.
2. Experience with conservation education.
3. Knowledge of the State of Oregon; its politics, lands, waters, and education systems.
4. Foundation of knowledge of local conservation and education issues.

Intern Benefits Include:

The Watershed Council is committed to crafting this position into a significant learning experience for the selected applicant. The intern will receive hands-on experience in field-based education as well as opportunities to network with both formal and non-formal educators, scientists, natural resource management professionals, and Children's Forest partners. In addition to gaining valuable hands-on experience coordinating environmental education programs, the intern will also be eligible to receive a reimbursement for education-related expenses up to $1,000 from the Children's Forest of Central Oregon.

The selected intern may be eligible to enroll for graded academic credit through OSU-Cascades. Applicants should meet with their academic advisor to determine if this credit will meet the needs of their degree program. The available NR 410 Internship can be enrolled for up to 4 credits for this internship for use in the Natural Resources Program at OSU-Cascades. To receive credit for the internship, the selected intern must 1) have an approved academic plan, and 2) coordinate with the OSU-Cascades Natural Resources internship coordinator to enroll in NR 410 *prior to the start of the internship*. Enrollment in NR 410 to receive academic credit for the internship will NOT be approved after the start of the internship.

Questions about the internship? Contact: Kolleen Miller, Education Director, (541) 382-6103 #33 kmiller@restorethedeschutes.org

Application Deadline: March 3rd, 2017 Submit resume, cover letter, and three references to Kolleen Miller kmiller@restorethedeschutes.org