

Oregon Coast Aquarium

Education Summer Internship Information

The Oregon Coast Aquarium Education Department's internship program is designed to provide an individual with a practical learning experience while gaining valuable knowledge related to his/her career goals. The Education Summer Intern assists the Education Specialists and Coordinator with the preparation and facilitation of summer programs including summer camps, daily interpretive programs, and other on- and off-site events. Our internships offer a hands-on opportunity to work with youth and the general public in conservation and environmental education in an aquarium setting and require a minimum commitment of eight weeks.

POSITION TITLE: Education Summer Intern

REPORTS TO: Education Specialists

DATES: Summer 2013, June –August (exact dates are negotiable)

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Education Internship program is designed to provide participants with practical learning experience and knowledge in the field of informal education. In return, the intern makes a significant contribution to the Education Department at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Intern duties may include the following (may vary based on skill level and departmental needs):

1. Assist the education staff in the supervision and instruction of summer camp participants. Lead camp activities as requested.
2. Assist education staff in the daily and weekly set-up, clean-up, and facilitation of each program.
3. Design and implement classroom projects, activities and games for summer camps.
4. Design and write the curriculum for a one-day camp program with support from the education staff.
5. Present public narrations during feeding times of the seals, sea lions and sea otters.
6. Present added value programs (i.e. story time, crafts, etc.) for the general public during assigned times in the Sea & Me Discovery theater.
7. Assist the education staff in coordinating and presenting special day events on site.
8. Assure that the classroom and other work areas are clean and orderly.
9. Assist in the care of classroom interpretive animals and saltwater tank.
10. Other duties as assigned.

ABOUT THE AQUARIUM:

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is a world-class marine educational attraction nestled on beautiful Yaquina Bay in Newport, Oregon. The Aquarium is a living classroom for all learning styles and ages. As one of Oregon's top tourist attractions, the Aquarium is a vital educational resource for the state, with over 40,000 students visiting the aquarium each year. The Aquarium strives to be a center of excellence for ocean literacy initiatives and plays an active role in conservation and animal rehabilitation efforts.



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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be currently enrolled in a college or university, or have recently graduated.
- Have a minimum of one year of course work in a major field of study to be applied during the internship (e.g. education, biology, zoology, environmental science, etc.).
- Experience working with children ages 4-12.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for and interest in working with children, Aquarium visitors, and marine animals.
- A basic knowledge and understanding of computer word processing and PowerPoint.
- The ability to gain and hold a driver's license is required.
- First Aid/CPR certified preferred.

WORK SCHEDULE:

20 to 40 hours a week for a minimum of eight weeks. Interns are expected to work on holidays and weekends.

COMPENSATION:

The Education Internship is unpaid. Professional development opportunities will be available. Possible college credit for those able to receive it through their college/university. No housing provided, but we may be able to help you in your housing search.

TO APPLY:

Applications are accepted year-round and selections are considered until positions are filled. Generally positions are filled by mid-March. Please send a resume, cover letter, application and at least three references to:

Education Programs Coordinator
Oregon Coast Aquarium
2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd
Newport, OR 97365
Email: education@aquarium.org



Oregon Coast Aquarium Education Summer Internship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

College/University: _____

Major field of study: _____

Graduation date (or expected date): _____

Courses and experience applicable to this internship:

How did you hear about the internship?

Dates available: _____

Type of internship interested in (please circle one): Full-time Part-time Either

Are you seeking college credit? Yes No

For office use only:

Date received: _____

Interview date and time: _____

Interviewer: _____ Accepted: _____

Start date: _____ End date: _____

