

Raptor Migration Outreach Intern

Golden Gate National Parks; Marin Headlands, Sausalito

Full Time, mid-late June 2019 – January 2020

OVERVIEW

The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) is a program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service and is made up of approximately 300 community volunteers and a small staff. The GGRO's mission is to inspire the preservation of California birds of prey. Our business is to study the bird of prey migration along the central California coast, particularly at the Marin Headlands, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We are dedicated to the conservation of raptors both through careful data collection and through involving the public in every aspect of our research.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Are you a passionate biology or environmental science student who enjoys learning about birds and interacting with many different and multifaceted people in team settings? We are looking for outreach interns who will enjoy interpreting the migration for park visitors.

Outreach interns will learn the scientific background of GGRO's migration studies and our field techniques, while discovering the ins and outs of a 35-year-old, muddy-boots, community science operation in an urban national park. You will learn to identify California raptor species, as well as other local birds, and even some insects.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

As an outreach intern, you will support the daily activities of our 300 volunteer scientists in close coordination with GGRO staff. You will also take the lead in providing the public with an educational experience on Hawk Hill.

- Outreach and education
 - Lead public talks on hawk biology and migration
 - Lead short educational programs for volunteers
 - Maintain and create outreach materials for public display
 - Develop content for social media platforms and program newsletters
- Raptor migration field research support
 - Identify and count 19 species of birds of prey
 - Trap and band hawks and falcons
 - Collect detailed and accurate data in the field
 - Animal husbandry
- Data management and operational support
 - Enter and proof migration data using Access database and Excel
 - Provide logistical support for day-to-day office and field operations
- Assist with special projects

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Recent college graduate or current senior in biological sciences or related field
- Passion for bird identification, wildlife study, and talking with the public about science
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential
- Flexible, mature, self-motivated, and a sense of humor

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- Enthusiasm for working with large groups of people with different backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders, sexualities, ages, and viewpoints
- Comfortable with social media platforms including Instagram and Facebook
- Bilingual a plus

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- Ready to work long hours outdoors (in inclement weather, on steep slopes, in rough terrain, and in poison oak)
- Able to stay focused and upbeat in the face of sometimes-pervasive fog
- Able to stand (and sit) for long periods of time
- Able to lift up to 50lbs

BENEFITS

- Gain knowledge of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and its mission
- Develop proficiency in North American raptor species identification
- Opportunity to develop public presentation and speaking skills in front of diverse audiences
- Opportunity to become familiar with raptor biology, field methods, and scientific literature
- Gain experience in conducting a long-term volunteer-staffed wildlife study
- Weekly taxable per diem stipend of \$150/week is provided with dorm-style housing (single room, shared bath and kitchen) within walking distance of GGRO headquarters OR \$275/week without housing

TERMS

- Start Date: Mid-late June 2019
- Schedule and length: 5 days per week (weekends required), mid-late June 2019 – January 2020 (end date flexible, as early as December)
- Valid US driver's license required

The Parks Conservancy strives to engage a workforce reflective of the community it serves. We do not discriminate based on race, color, age, gender, national or ethnic origin religion, sexual orientation, or physical disability. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Emailed applications are strongly encouraged; please send cover letter, resume, and three references (with contact info) in a single PDF and include “**2019 GGRO Outreach Internship**” in the subject line. *If you are also interested in the field internship position, please indicate so in the body of your email.*

Completed applications must be received by Monday February 25 to be considered.

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