



Beach Naturalist Intern

Volunteer Position Description

Deception Pass State Park
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission



Supervisor: Joy Sullivan

Location: Rosario, Deception Pass State Park

Project Duration: June to September

Hours per Week: 15hrs (Sat/Sun & one weekday over 12 weeks)

Total Hours: 180hrs

Description of Duties:

Intern duties include providing informal interpretive opportunities for visitors at the Rosario Tide Pools at low tide or at the Education Table during high tide. Intern is also responsible for operating the Rosario Discovery Center on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in the summer. Operational duties include opening, closing, and cleaning of the center as well as greeting visitors and providing information about tide pools and the park.

Benefits to Intern:

- Informal Interpretive training.
- Experience communicating with people of diverse cultures.
- Gained knowledge of tide pool ecosystems and Deception Pass State Park.
- Experience working in a state park setting as part of a team with other volunteers, interns, and park staff.
- Ability to obtain an annual Discover Pass after the completion of 24 hours of service.
- Gas stipend of \$900 total, granted monthly, to help offset transportation costs.
- Free camping on Saturday while interning.
- Complete credit hours for College or University internships.

Goals/Outcomes of Job:

- Deliver excellent customer service skills while providing helpful information and answering questions.
- Maintain the Rosario Discovery Center.
- Demonstrate, model, and encourage appropriate stewardship practices related to tide pool exploration.
- Provide high quality informal interpretation of park resources.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

- Excellent oral communication skills.
- Prior experience in customer service or education.
- Positive team player and able to work with a team of all ages.
- Knowledge of local area and tide pool resources (helpful).
- Conversationally fluent in multiple languages (helpful).

Requirements:

Intern is enrolled in a Community College or University pursuing completion of internship credits. Intern will spend a majority of work time standing. Intern must have the ability to take care of themselves in adverse conditions and be prepared for extreme sun, wind, or rain. Intern must also be able, and feel comfortable, walking on uneven slippery surfaces such as in the Tide Pools (unless special allowances are discussed). Intern will be working with the general public and children and is required to pass a full background check.

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