



Beach Naturalist Intern

Volunteer Position Description

Deception Pass State Park
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission



Supervisor: Joy Kacoroski/Foundation AmeriCorps

Location: Rosario, Deception Pass State Park

Project Duration: 6/19/19 to 9/7/19

Hours per Week: 10 -15

Total Internship Hours: 125-180

Description of Duties:

Volunteer is 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. Volunteer duties include providing informal interpretive opportunities for visitors at the Rosario Tide Pools as staffing needs require. Volunteer is expected to record visitor contacts.

125 Hour Internship

Saturday and Sunday (5 hour shifts)

180 Hour Internship

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (5 hour shifts)

Benefits to VIP:

- 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.
- Complete credit hours for College or University internships.

Goals/Outcomes of Job:

- Deliver excellent customer service 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.
- Enrolled in a Community College or University pursuing a degree in education or science.
- Knowledge of local area and tide pool resources (helpful).
- Conversationally fluent in multiple languages (helpful).

Special Requirements:

Volunteer will spend a majority of work time standing. Volunteer must have the ability to take care of themselves and be prepared for extreme sun, wind, or rain. Volunteer must also be able, and feel comfortable, walking on uneven slippery surfaces such as in the Tide Pools (unless special allowances are discussed). Volunteer will be working with the general public and children and is required to pass a background check. Volunteer is required to complete the full Beach Naturalist Internship training course.