

Environmental Education Intern– Peterson Bay Field Station (Summer 2015)

As an **Environmental Education Intern** during the **Summer Season**, help youth from throughout Alaska and the country connect with the ecosystems of Kachemak Bay, become better stewards, and develop a love for the natural world. The EE intern will work with the Lead Environmental Educator and Peterson Bay Field Station naturalists to lead educational and outdoor experiences for groups of all ages.



Duties include instruction, leading beach and forest hikes, assisting with arrangements for transportation and food, and performing routine maintenance at the Field Station facility. Camps and overnight programs provide ample opportunities for creativity and flexibility. Field sites feature rocky intertidal areas of outstanding diversity, a coastal forest trail system, and salt and freshwater wetlands. Position requires knowledge of basic intertidal, marine, and forest ecology; some experience with children or youth; good physical condition; enthusiasm, flexibility, and creativity; and ability to live and work in a residential setting with youth groups and other staff. Experience in Alaska or similar field programs preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Act as assistant educator for 2-day coastal ecology programs for youth groups at the Peterson Bay Field Station
- Meet with participants before their trip to help them prepare for the experience
- Assist with arrangements for boat transportation, laundry, and food
- Lead coastal ecology environmental education activities such as tide pooling, forest ecology hikes, microscope labs, and water quality monitoring
- Model positive interactions with the natural world, practice good environmental stewardship, and lead marine stewardship activities
- Facilitate evening activities such as campfires, games, and beach walks
- Develop and ensure a safe, fun, and positive learning environment for students
- Work cooperatively with group leaders, chaperones, and other CACS staff and volunteers to provide the best possible experience for participants
- Assist in the orientation groups and set consistent behavior guidelines for the group and maintain discipline as necessary
- Administer basic first aid and comfort homesick or otherwise upset students
- Work closely with other CACS staff to assist with CACS camps for youth and families, including development and implementation of programming, arrangement of guest speakers, confirmation of transportation, meal planning and preparation, chaperoning of participants, organization and preparation of supplies, and submitting written feedback on the camp
- Perform routine facility and trail maintenance at the Peterson Bay Field Station, including trail clearing, troubleshooting water system problems, and maintenance of the composting toilets
- Maintain the health and upkeep of intertidal organisms in saltwater aquaria and touch tanks
- Perform administrative tasks, including education program data entry and correspondence with parents, chaperones, and participants
- Develop and complete a project of interest to both the intern and CACS with a focus on citizen monitoring, research, or education

One position available running from May 25 – August 30, 2015. \$1,300-1,500/month DOE + housing.