



TAMPA BAY WATCH, INC.

POSITION: Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center - Eco Vessel Environmental Education Intern

Department: Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center

Reports to: Eco Vessel Coordinator and Education Coordinator

Job Type: Unpaid Seasonal Internship

Location: St. Petersburg Pier

Position Description:

The Eco Vessel Environmental Education Internship at Tampa Bay Watch's Discovery Center will provide the potential intern with practical learning experience and knowledge of informal conservation and environmental education, field ecology, and conservation-based research aboard an eco vessel.

Interns will work an agreed upon number of hours per week (a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week is preferred) and will gain experience in public programming, private programming, and outreach. This internship is seasonal, the fall season runs from August to December, the spring season runs from January to May, and the summer season runs from May to August. Applications are accepted year round for the upcoming season.

Intern duties and tasks may include the following:

- Intern will be trained to develop and teach environmental education programs in an informal setting.
- Intern will perform field activities such as trawling, plant and animal identification, and snorkeling.
- Interns may be trained to assist in various departmental research initiatives, including wild dolphin dorsal fin identification, harmful algal bloom monitoring, water quality sampling, and fish and invertebrate population monitoring.
- Assist the Eco-Vessel Coordinator, Eco-Vessel Environmental Educators, and Captains in completing daily and weekly eco-vessel set-up, clean up, and facilitation of programming.
- Interns may assist in classroom programming at the Discovery Center.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years or older.

- Eligible participants are students who are enrolled in or recently graduated from an accredited college or university.
- Have excellent communication skills and enjoy working with all ages, especially children.
- Demonstrated interest in working with children, visitors and animals.
- Must be self-motivated, energetic, creative, adaptable and have the ability to work in a team environment.
- A driver's license is required as is proof of health insurance.
- CPR certification is preferred but not required.
- Lifeguard certification is preferred but not required.
- Must be willing and able to work with children of varying ages, as well as adults, in a professional manner.
- Must be able to take and follow directions to maintain a safe work environment for personnel, visitors, and the animals at the center.
- Must be able to perform physical challenges involved in the daily duties of the department including talking for long periods, walking throughout the pier, lifting/carrying equipment weighing approximately 50 lbs., sitting, kneeling, stooping, crawling, twisting, reaching above head, pulling, bending, and climbing stairs and ladders. Candidate must be able and willing to perform all above duties outdoors and in all weather conditions.
- Must be comfortable on a boat for extended periods of time.

Familiarity with coastal ecosystems and a passion for the environment are highly desired.

Additional Information

This internship is unpaid and housing is not provided. This internship may provide college credit, with approval from the university and professor. Intern will be responsible for all transportation costs and personal health insurance. A background check, including fingerprinting, will be required at the expense of Tampa Bay Watch.

To apply, please send your resume and a short cover letter introducing yourself and explaining why you would like to intern for the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center **as one single PDF attachment saved as YourName_EcoVesselEducationIntern** to tbwdcjobs@tampabaywatch.org. Include "Eco Vessel Education Intern" in the email subject line.