Pennington Marine Science Center  
Summer 2010 - Marine Science Education Internship  
Camp Emerald Bay, Santa Catalina Island, CA

Title: Marine Science Education Intern

Company/Organization: Camp Emerald Bay, Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America

Location: Camp Emerald Bay, Santa Catalina Island, CA. 33° 28' 08" N, 118° 31' 52" W

Duration: May 30 – September 1, 2010

Pay Rate: Room and board provided for the duration of the internship in camp style housing and dining facilities as well as a small weekly stipend.

Description: The Pennington Marine Science Center marine science education internship is designed to provide instruction opportunities for aspiring educators. These skills can be marketed towards future secondary school teaching positions.

As a summer staff member of Camp Emerald Bay and the Pennington Marine Science Center, you will be involved in many different aspects of camp and science center operations including, merit badge instruction, leading open house tours, camp staff required work activities and other duties as assigned.

Emerald Bay is located on the west end of Catalina Island. A far cry from the bustling tourist destination of Avalon, the west end offers camp staff unparalleled opportunities for diving, hiking, trail running, swimming, snorkeling, mountain biking, kayaking, camping, and many more activities that are just a plus of working on this end of the island.

The nearest town is Two Harbors, with about 20 year-round residents, and is a 30-minute car ride on dirt roads. Because of our isolated location applicants must consider this since it’s very difficult to “run into town” for anything and while there is one general store, the emphasis must be placed on “general”. Creature comforts are hard to come by, but the island’s spectacular beauty and atmosphere more than make up for any lack of modern conveniences.

Two marine science education interns will be competitively chosen on the basis of knowledge, abilities, experience, attitude, reliability, punctuality and recommendations. The two marine science education interns will be responsible for the teaching of two separate oceanography classes over 3 periods of up to 220 Boy Scouts per week. Additionally, marine science education interns will be asked to perform camp staff tasks as needed; these duties are required of all staff camp wide no matter which area they work. Preference will be given to those who can stay for the duration of the internship and that meet the qualifications below.

Drug Testing: PMSC staff must understand that if they are involved in a workplace accident or it is determined by their supervisor or the camp director that there is a reasonable suspicion that they are under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, the intern may be subject to saliva drug testing.

We recommend contacting your registrar’s office in order to earn college credit for this internship.

If interested, please contact the Marine Science Director by email or phone for an application.

Applications are due by Friday, March 12, 2010.

Requirements: A successful applicant will possess the following:
-Undergraduate, graduate student or recent graduate in/with a related degree.
-Experience teaching 11 – 17 year olds about marine science topics, specifically oceanography.
-Experience creating and developing manipulatives.
- Knowledge of lesson planning, various learning modalities, and ability to modify or adapt lessons as needed for any scouts with special needs.
- Strong writing skills and organization.
- Strong background in record keeping with Microsoft Excel.
- Interest in marine life, marine conservation, and the teaching of marine science.
- Ability to work with a variety of people in close quarters for long hours as well as independently.
- A sense of adventure.

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