



Friends of Sausal Creek

PROMOTING WATERSHED AWARENESS

Environmental Education Intern

The Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) in Oakland, California, a 501(c)(3), is seeking an intern to support its outdoor education and restoration programs. FOSC is a community-based grassroots organization working to improve the Sausal Creek Watershed with an ultimate vision of a healthy riparian corridor linking the hills and the bay.

Definition

Internship duties will include leading and supporting school groups and community members in habitat restoration and environmental education projects in urban and wild areas of the Sausal Creek Watershed; assisting with vegetation monitoring, mapping, and data entry; and assisting with community outreach. Environmental education field trips and workdays focus on removal of invasive, nonnative species, erosion control, and planting natives. Student groups range from elementary school to college students, and duties may include classroom presentations in addition to outdoor education.

Terms and Schedule

This is a temporary position, without benefits. The term of the internship is September 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. The rate of pay is \$12.55/hour. The number of hours required is 12 per week, with a flexible schedule. Candidate must be available to work the third Saturday of each month and Sunday, October 23 (FOSC Native Plant Sale). The intern will be responsible for his/her own transportation, as well as helping transport tools and other materials to worksites. Workers' Compensation Insurance is provided. Successful completion of a background check, proof of negative TB results, and proof of personal auto insurance are required. Travel to and from work sites and work-related meetings is not reimbursable.

Desired Knowledge and Skills

- Completion of at least two years of undergraduate education
- Love of the outdoors and curiosity about ecological restoration; knowledge of ecology and plant communities in the Bay Area a plus
- Experience facilitating groups and/or leading outdoor environmental education activities
- Experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds is a plus
- Enjoy speaking and working with members of the public
- Fluency in Spanish is a plus
- Excited to take initiative

The intern should have the ability to:

- Help plan for and lead field trips with school children, including gathering materials; educating participants on the organization, the watershed, the worksite, and tool safety; leading educational activities; and leading restoration or nursery projects during each field trip
- Help plan for, lead, and manage volunteers in restoration and nursery projects
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Lift up to 30 pounds
- Use word processing, database, and spreadsheet software; log workday and volunteer data

Selection Process

All applications must be received no later than August 27, 2016, with priority given to earlier applications. To apply, please email a thoughtful resume and cover letter to FOSC Executive Director Kimra McAfee at coordinator@sausalcreek.org.