

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR - AMERICORPS JOB OPPORTUNITY -

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center, PTMSC, announces openings for three Environmental Educator positions sponsored by the Washington State Americorps program. PTMSC facilities, located in Fort Worden State Park, include a Marine Exhibit of live, near shore animals and plants and a Natural History Exhibit featuring shorelines, past and present, with an emphasis on geology. The PTMSC is an educational and scientific organization devoted to understanding and conserving our marine and shoreline environment. Americorps is part of the Washington Service Corps job-training program. These positions are for a ten and a half month duration starting October 15, 2007.

DUTIES

All three positions will:

- Serve on the PTMSC education team, leading school programs in the exhibits, labs & in the field.
- Work with the public, leading interpretive programs & informal tours.
- Develop education curriculum for school groups and the general public.
- Coordinate training programs for staff and volunteers.
- Work with & train volunteers to assist in the care of animals and exhibits.
- Maintain the Marine and Natural History Exhibits, keeping exhibits and tanks clean.
- Work in our gift shop.

ASSIGNMENT

In addition to sharing the above duties, each Environmental Educator will be assigned an additional area of responsibility:

- **Marine Environmental Educator:** Responsible for the care and health of the animals in the marine exhibit. Will develop an exhibit tank design plan and work on maintenance of our saltwater plumbing system. Will oversee an exhibit promoting conservation issue facing residents of and visitors to the Puget Sound region. Will design lessons that involve students in questioning real world environmental issues to improve science literacy among K-12 students and meet Washington State science education requirements.
- **Discovery Lab Environmental Educator:** Responsible for supervising experiments, analyzing samples, processing data and overseeing events in the lab. Will promote the Discovery Lab for citizen science and environmental monitoring studies by establishing partnerships with other groups working on base line monitoring. Will build community capacity for citizen involvement in monitoring and providing community educational outreach about Puget Sound marine topics of concern.
- **Natural History Environmental Educator:** Responsible for the collections, exhibits and events in the Natural History Exhibit. Will help coordinate a continuing education winter speaker series. Will develop winter programs for K-12 students that meets Washington State science education requirements and focuses on Puget Sound topics of concern. Will work closely with our Education Specialist to book and plan classes, review curriculum and lead education programs.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be in the age range of 18 to 25.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National or Permanent Resident Alien of the United States
- Must be able to work a minimum of 1,700 hours in 10 ½ months.
- Must have a degree or background in Marine Biology, Invertebrate Biology, Geology, Environmental Education or related field.
- Must be energetic, self motivated and willing to learn.
- Must have a current CPR and First Aid certification.
- Must have excellent verbal communication skills.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Work at a nationally recognized facility
- Work with a team of professional educators developing state of the art science education.
- On-site training in natural history, marine biology, geology, ecology and interpretation techniques.
- Training in cold water marine husbandry.

STIPEND & BENEFITS

- Monthly living expenses (\$925/mo).
- Medical insurance coverage.
- Upon completion, a \$4,725.00 education award (for college tuition or loans).
- Covered with Labor & Industries (Workman's Compensation) Insurance
- Child Care Assistance if income-eligible
- Loan forbearance for those members that have student loans

TO APPLY

Send letter of intent, resume and two letters of reference. Include phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the individuals giving letters of reference. In your letter of intent please state, in no more than two pages, why you want this position. Send packet to:

Port Townsend Marine Science Center
Fort Worden State Park
532 Battery Way
Port Townsend, WA 98368
Attn: Cinamon Moffett

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Starting date is Oct 15, 2007.
For more information, contact: cmoffett@ptmsc.org.

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