



Saguaro National Park Environmental Education & Outreach Program



Environmental Education and Place-Based Learning Internships for 2015-2016

Job Description: Environmental educational interns will assist the park in providing memorable and meaningful learning and recreational experiences, foster development of a personal stewardship ethic, and broaden public support for preserving park resources. Interns will work with park staff to forge emotional and intellectual connections among park resources, young people, and the community. In a world of rapidly changing demographics, it is essential that educational programs reach beyond park boundaries to schools and groups in the greater Tucson area with a focus on under-served populations.

Duties:

- Lead and assist a variety of curriculum-based and non-curriculum-based environmental education programs throughout the park and at schools.
- Participate in pre-visits and post visits to schools, field trip setup/clean up, and maintenance of program materials.
- Plan and coordinate field trip logistics, student/group management, and communications with teachers and staff.
- Assist in the development and implementation of adjustments to existing programs.
- Understand the needs of the education community, the relevance of state standards, and the value of making a personal connection to the park and nature.
- Exercise safety for both oneself as well as the group.

Qualifications:

- **Personal** - A passion for nature, enthusiasm for working with young people outdoors, good physical conditioning for trekking through the park, desires to guide others in finding their own personal connection with nature, and revels in the joy of exploring nature.
- **Professional** - Strong interpersonal communication skills, dependable, reliable, self-initiating, the ability to work without supervision, creative, enjoys working as part of a dedicated team, and is willing to provide feedback and input with tact and diplomacy.

Internship Details:

- Multiple positions may be filled. Cohorts encouraged.
- Fall semester - September 7th, 2015 through semester's end.
- Spring semester - January 11th, 2016 through semester's end.
- Combined fall and spring semester positions are also available.
- The time commitment is between 8-10 hours a week. More hours per week are negotiable. The schedule is generally Monday through Thursday with some hiking and camping events on Saturdays.
- Work schedule is negotiable and flexible with consideration for programming and staffing as well as meeting the UA College of Education's L3 requirements.
- Interns will undergo training as a cohort.
- Interns will be supervised and mentored by the park's Environmental Education Program Coordinator and may also be mentored by other qualified park staff.
- Selections will be made after a telephone and in person interview.

For more information: Contact the park's Environmental Education Program Coordinator, Chip Littlefield, at chip_littlefield@nps.gov or 520.733.5157