



Summer 2012 Internship Opportunity

The National Marine Life Center (NMLC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitating for release stranded sea turtles, seals, dolphins, porpoises, and small whales, and to advancing scientific knowledge and education in marine wildlife health and conservation.

Education Responsibilities- Interns will assist with environmental education programs, including on-site programs, off-site programs, fairs, and festivals. Interns will assist in giving public presentations to guests of NMLC and educate them on marine animals, conservation, and the NMLC. Interns will assist in the gift shop, assist with various office projects, create displays for the learning center, and help create lesson plans and activities that are aligned with the Massachusetts State Frameworks.

Animal Care Responsibilities- Interns will be in charge of maintaining a coastal critter tank in the marine animal discovery center. They will collect and identify the coastal animals and maintain the tank's water quality. Depending on need/case load interns will assist with the care of the NMLC rehabilitation patients including endangered red bellied cooters, diamondback terrapins & sea turtles. Animal Care duties will include cleaning and disinfecting tanks, equipment, and environmental enrichment devices, food preparation, administering feeds, record keeping, kitchen maintenance, and water quality testing. Interns may also assist animal care staff during medical procedures, with admission exams, and at release events.

Other Responsibilities- Each intern will take on a project which they will work on for the duration of their internship. The project must be proposed by the student and agreed upon with the NMLC staff. At the end of the internship the intern will present the project to the staff, volunteers, and members of the public. Each intern will also be assigned a weekly chore to assist with the upkeep of the facility and equipment.

Positions are unpaid, interns must have their own transportation, and housing is not provided, but NMLC will offer suggestions.

Qualifications-

- The internship is open to students who are currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from an accredited college or university. High school students may also be considered.
- Preference will be given to students or recent graduates working towards biology, environmental studies, marine science, education, or other related fields.
- Intern should demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Students that are adaptable, responsible, hard working, willing to learn, and have attention to detail are encouraged to apply.
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team.
- Interns must be able to commit to at least three months; start and end dates are flexible due to school schedules.
- Interns must work a minimum of 20 hours per week.

To Apply- Send your resume, cover letter, and one letter of reference to Kate Shaffer at kshaffer@NMLC.org or PO Box 269, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts 02532. Applications must be received by January 20th 2012.