



Overview

The California Trail Education Internship provides support to Education Specialists as they engage guests within the California Trail section of the Oakland Zoo. The California Trail section houses 9 California native species, the Habitarium, and the Landing Cafe. Interns will work alongside Education Specialists as they rove through the California Trail, providing engaging educational information both formally and informally. This role requires the intern to spend the majority of their shifts interacting with guests outside.

Over the course of the internship, the intern will learn foundational interpretation skills, with the goal of completing a formalized Animal Highlight presentation before the end of their season. We are looking for teens (entering 9-12th grade in Fall 2024) who are energetic, responsible, and comfortable interacting with guests of all ages.

Responsibilities

- Provide a safe, enjoyable, educational, and interactive experience for guests
- Assist with providing educational and engaging programming for guests in varying age groups, at times utilizing biofacts and other educational artifacts
- Engage with guests on an informal basis, providing in depth programming on the species found within the Trail
- Provide support during animal highlight interpretations with crowd control
- Gain experience leading formalized presentations to guests on a topic relating to California species

Sessions:

Summer: 2 sessions (June 3 - June 28; July 8 - August 2), 3 interns working 2 days/wk 10:15am-5pm
School Year:

Requirements

- Applicants must be entering 9-12th grade in the Fall
- Interested in learning more about careers in the animal care field, education, or in environmental education
- Comfortable spending >90% of their working time outside
- Applicants must be flexible and able to adapt quickly to different tasks in order to help out where needed in a fast-paced environment