Watershed Education Program – Environmental Educator Internship

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County aims to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance. We work across the majority of San Diego County on a variety of programs, including fire prevention and education, watershed education, school garden support, promotion of pollinator habitat, and management of a large community garden.

The RCD is seeking student interns to work on a Watershed Education Program delivered in partnership with the San Diego Unified Port District. The program aims to educate 2nd – 6th grade students about watersheds, how our waterways become polluted, and what students can do to make a difference. This is conveyed through a one hour presentation using a three dimensional watershed model. The program is targeted at schools within the San Diego Bay Watershed.

Interns will participate in all elements of delivering an environmental education program. They will gain classroom management and presentation experience, as well as help shape a program that educates our youth about the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability. Responsibilities include:

- Delivering classroom presentations at participating schools.
- Assisting with program evaluation.
- Reviewing and updating program materials to fully meet grade-level NGSS standards and to align with STEM objectives.
- Assisting with program administration including booking presentations, program publicity, and preparing packets for participating teachers.
- Working with RCD staff to identify additional resources to support the program.

Eligibility: We are seeking applicants who are studying to become educators or who are undertaking a degree in a field related to environmental sustainability / conservation, though applicants in other degree pathways will not be excluded. Previous experience is not required and training will be provided.

Requirements: Must possess a current, valid California driver's license, current proof of automobile insurance coverage, and reliable transportation; knowledge of word processing, PowerPoint, and Excel; punctuality and reliability. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is beneficial but not required.

Terms: the internship is offered on a part-time basis, unpaid, up to 15 hours per week, with an option of work in exchange for course credit. A $500 stipend is offered on completion of a 16 week semester.

Start date and duration: as soon as possible, lasting for one semester.

Schedule and location: working hours are Monday – Friday between 7:30am – 4:30pm. The position will be based at our office in Lakeside (east San Diego County). Interns will travel to school sites to deliver presentations as well as spend some time in the office. Mileage to school sites will be reimbursed.

To apply: please send your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in this position and why you think you’d be a good fit to Ann Baldridge, Program Manager, at ann.baldridge@rcdsandiego.org. Please contact Ann with any questions at 619-562-0096.

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