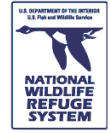


# Summer Volunteer Environmental Education Internship

## *USFWS: Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska Region*



Spend the summer outside, learn about the environment of Kodiak, Alaska and share your love for nature with children as an instructor for the annual Kodiak Refuge Summer Science and Salmon Camp. This popular program has occurred every year in Kodiak, Alaska for over twenty-five years. This volunteer internship will be part of a four-person team to facilitate and lead field trips, lessons, games, hikes, art, and songs to provide an adventurous and creative week of hands-on learning for campers in this non-residential day camp. Interns will work directly under a FWS Camp Director and Environmental Education Coordinator and will utilize and enhance existing curriculum on the 2023 theme: “This Island, This Earth”, which will promote future lands stewards with lessons that connect our island life with the broader perspective of our planet.

### **Dates and Duration:**

16-week volunteer environmental education internship (travel and housing provided, food costs reimbursed up to \$280/every two weeks).

May 6th - August 23rd (some flexibility on end date).

### **Schedule:**

40 hours a week: Monday-Friday with occasional/rare weekend work.

### **What we provide:**

- Roundtrip flight to and from Kodiak Island from locations within the U.S.
- Shared housing in furnished home.
- Food costs reimbursed up to \$280 every two weeks.
- Scholarship check of \$800 awarded after successful completion of the sixteen week detail.
- Vehicle transportation: The Salmon Camp crew will have access to vehicles to share and utilize for work, orientation to the island, and food shopping.
- Training: The FWS will provide two weeks of training on a variety of topics including: Bear safety and awareness; flora and fauna of Kodiak; Alutiiq culture, environmental education techniques; culturally responsible programs; salmon; aviation safety, including emergency water egress; CPR, First-Aid, and more. In addition to training, interns will have time for camp prep before camp begins.
- School internship and/or course credit is an option upon request. We can work with your university degree programs and with notice may be able to create a for-credit internship with our local community college.
- Long summer evenings and weekends are free for recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, fishing, scenic bike rides, wildflower walks, birding, and much more. Some bikes, fishing supplies, and camping gear may be available for loan to interns.



### **Requirements:**

- U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age.
- Ability to undergo and pass a background check.
- Valid U.S. driver's license.
- Interest in working with youth and in spending time outside rain or shine.
- Available for seasonal training beginning the week of May 6th and for all sessions of camp. End date of August 23<sup>rd</sup> has flexibility.

**Desired background:** Degree-seeking students *and/or* graduates in the fields of environmental studies, environmental education, biology, wildlife conservation, outdoor recreation, or similar fields *and/or* experience with *or* interest in youth science camps, summer camps, educating youth, scouts, or other related work.

**To APPLY:** Applications accepted until January 7pm 11:59pm, 2023.

**To be considered, please follow specific instructions below:**

1. Send all requested information as **one document** to Michelle\_Lawson@fws.gov.
2. In your email, use the Subject: **Salmon Camp Internship**

**Include:**

- Cover letter stating reason for your interest and any qualifications specific to the position.
- Current resume
- One letter of recommendation that includes contact information from a person with knowledge of your scholastic, employment, club, team, or volunteer achievements.
- Contact information for two *additional* references (scholastic, employment, club, sport, or volunteer related). *For references, please include:*
  - ✓ Reference name, job title and place of work.
  - ✓ Reference email address and phone number.
  - ✓ Their relationship to you (coach, instructor, or other) and how long you have known them.

*Reminder: Create one document that includes all of the above information to attach in your email and use the subject line listed above. Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed.*

**More about Salmon Camp:** This non-residential science camp runs from June through early August. Each week a different group of children participate in camp. Ages range over the course of the summer from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Some camps take place in Kodiak's rural communities accessible by small plane. Interns will be the instructors for camp working under the direction of a Camp Director.

**Location:** Kodiak Island is the second largest island in the United States. While the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge encompasses nearly two million acres of the island, the refuge itself is not accessible by road. Refuge offices, intern housing and Salmon Camp is located on the road system just outside the city limits of Kodiak.

**Please note:** This is a 40 hour/week, summer-long environmental education internship on an island. If you're looking to spend a summer season on a beautiful Alaskan island dedicated to providing engaging science education to interested young learners, then by all means apply!

**Short Salmon Camp Video** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMjtLFj0zJM>

**Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge website**

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/kodiak/>

**Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Facebook**

If you have questions, please email Environmental Education Specialist, Shelly Lawson at Michelle\_Lawson@fws.gov

