

# Environmental Education Volunteer Internship

## Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

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Spend the summer outside, learn about the environment of Kodiak, Alaska and share your love for nature with children as an instructor for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Kodiak Refuge Science and Salmon Camp. This position will be part of a three person team to facilitate and lead field trips, lessons, games, hikes, tide-pooling excursions, art and song and to provide an adventurous and creative week of hands-on learning for students. Interns work directly under our Salmon Camp Director and Environmental Education Specialist utilizing and enhancing existing curriculum on the 2014 theme of habitat. Interns will also have the opportunity to participate in other outreach and research opportunities with the refuge.

### Dates and Duration

16 week volunteer internship (includes travel, housing, stipend and scholarship (details below). Interns are *required* to arrive by May 4<sup>th</sup> with an end date of August 23<sup>rd</sup> (with slight flexibility on end date).

### What we provide interns

- Roundtrip flight to and from Kodiak Island from locations within the U.S.
- Interns will have USFWS provided housing at no charge.
- Food Stipend: \$100 per week for reimbursement of food costs
- Vehicle transportation: The three person Salmon Camp crew will have access to two vehicles to share and utilize for work, orientation to the island and food shopping.
- \$1,000 Scholarship for completing 16 week internship
- Training: The USFWS will provide two weeks of training on a variety of topics including: Bear Safety and Awareness, flora and fauna of Kodiak, environmental Education techniques, climate change, water ditching (required for travel by float plane), CPR, First Aid and more. In addition to training, interns have two weeks to prepare for camp.
- School Credit if needed: School credit is optional for internships or other school credited coursework. We can work with your professor or university.
- Recreational opportunities include: Hiking, camping, fishing, scenic bike rides, wildflower walks, birding and much more. Some bikes, fishing supplies and camping gear are available for loan to interns.

### Schedule

Typically Monday – Friday, 40 hour work week. If weekend work arises, interns will be given time off another time in the week.

### Requirements

- US Citizen, at least 18 years of age
- Ability to undergo a background check
- Interest in working with youth
- Interest in spending time outside in rain or shine
- Available by May 5th for seasonal training and for all sessions of camp. End date of August 23<sup>rd</sup> has some flexibility.

**Desired background** Degree seeking fields of Environmental Studies, Environmental Education, Biology, Wildlife Conservation, Outdoor Recreation and similar fields *and/or* experience with or interest in youth science camps, summer camps, environmental education or other related topics.

### How to apply

Applications due by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Send the following information as one document to [Michelle\\_Lawson@fws.gov](mailto:Michelle_Lawson@fws.gov). *Use the Subject: Salmon Camp Internship*

- Cover letter including reason for your interest in this position and any qualifications specific to the position.
- Resume
- Three references (scholastic, employment, club, sport or volunteer oriented).
  - References name
  - How long you have known them and your relationship
  - Their job title and who (agency, school, business) they work for
  - Their email address
  - Their phone number

Please create one document that includes all of the above information to attach in your email.

### BACKGROUND

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#### **What is Salmon Camp?**

The mission of Salmon Camp is to educate youth about the natural and cultural systems that define Kodiak's geography and empower learners to investigate their own connections to this special place through hands-on learning, self-reflection and group discovery.

#### **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. Salmon Camp is located on the road system just outside the city limits of Kodiak.



Short Salmon Camp Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMjtLFj0zJM>

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge website

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

If you have questions, please email or call Environmental Education Specialist, Shelly Lawson ([Michelle\\_Lawson@fws.gov](mailto:Michelle_Lawson@fws.gov) 907-487-0283) or Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Hupp ([Lisa\\_Hupp@fws.gov](mailto:Lisa_Hupp@fws.gov), 907-487-0285)

