

# Environmental Education Volunteer 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 20<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 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 2015 theme: Water.

### Dates and Duration

- 16 week volunteer internship (includes travel, housing, and food stipend)
- Interns are *required* to **arrive by May 3<sup>rd</sup>** (to begin training on May 4<sup>th</sup>) with an **end date of August 22<sup>nd</sup>** (some flexibility on end date).

### Schedule

Typically Monday – Friday, 40 hours per week. If weekend work arises, interns will be given time off during the week.

### What we provide

- Roundtrip flight to and from Kodiak island from locations within the U.S.
- Interns will be provided shared housing at no charge.
- Food Stipend: up to \$150 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.
- Training: The FWS will provide two weeks of training on a variety of topics including: Bear safety and awareness; flora and fauna of Kodiak; environmental education techniques; Pacific salmon; aviation safety including emergency water egress (required for travel by float plane); CPR, First Aid and more. In addition to training, interns will have two weeks of preparation before camp begins.
- School Credit upon request: School credit is an option for internships or other school credited coursework. We can work with university programs.
- 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.

### 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 for seasonal training beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> (preferably arriving May 3<sup>rd</sup>) and for all sessions of camp. End date of August 23<sup>rd</sup> has some flexibility.

**Desired background:** Degree-seeking students and/or recent graduates in the 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, educating youth, scouts, or other related work.

### **To APPLY**

Applications Due: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

#### **How:**

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

#### **What to include:**

- A cover letter including reason for your interest in this position 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, sport or volunteer achievements).
- Contact information for two *additional* references (scholastic, employment, club, sport or volunteer oriented). *For references, please include their:*
  - Name
  - How long you have known them and your relationship
  - Their job title and employer (in relation to you)
  - Their email address
  - Their phone number

*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.*

## BACKGROUND \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 907-487-0283) or Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Hupp (Lisa\_Hupp@fws.gov, 907-487-0285)