
Nearby Nature Fall 2024 Outdoor Nature Guide Internship

Location: Alton Baker Park in Eugene, Oregon *Updated 8-13-24*

Nearby Nature seeks Nature Guide Interns for fall 2024 to lead interactive nature exploration walks for K-5th grade students in Alton Baker Park. Interns will develop and practice a wide a variety of outdoor education teaching skills.



At Nearby Nature, individuals with varied backgrounds, life experiences, and abilities are valued and encouraged to thrive. We are excited to teach – as well as learn from – all program interns and volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Lead weekday morning nature walks (9-11:45 am) for school kids in Alton Baker Park from late September through mid-November. Also assist with occasional afternoon activities (noon-2 pm) if available. Exact hours and days will vary.
- Help with program administrative and gear maintenance tasks as needed.
- Assist with additional educational programs depending on hours scheduled for internship -- classroom visits, No School Days, after school programs, and special events (including the Haunted Hike on October 19th).



Qualifications:

- Enjoy spending time outdoors, rain or shine
- Interested in working with children (previous experience with kids K-5th helpful)
- Interested in learning about local natural history (background in the natural sciences helpful)
- Positive energy, sense of humor, curiosity
- Responsible, safety-conscious, 1st Aid/CPR training helpful
- Committed to sustainable living
- Up-to-date COVID vaccination record

Required Training: Training sessions cover natural history, teaching skills, and safety. Training sessions are offered at various times for scheduling flexibility. Interns must attend training sessions in the fall. (Information about seasonal training is available at nearbynature.org/volunteer/school-nature-walk-guides.)

Credit Options for Student Interns: Students are welcome to arrange credit if desired through individual professors, the UO Holden Center, the UO Career Development Center, the LCC Cooperative Education Program, or other appropriate local college departments.

Time Commitment: This internship requires a commitment of 6-9 hours per week (a total of 60-90 hours) plus additional hours for training per season.

How to Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and references (as PDFs) to programs@nearbynature.org. Internship interviews and position confirmations happen on a rolling basis as applications are received. Nearby Nature is an equal opportunity employer and we especially encourage people from non-traditional backgrounds, historically marginalized, or underrepresented groups to apply.

Questions: 541-687-9699 or programs@nearbynature.org.