
Nearby Nature Summer 2024 Daycamps Teaching Assistant Internship

Location: Alton Baker Park in Eugene, Oregon *Updated 1-17-24*

Nearby Nature seeks Interns for the summer of 2024 to serve as teaching assistants for our outdoor summer daycamps. Interns will develop and gain direct experience using a variety of the skills required in the fields of nature education and program support.



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:

- Assist with and/or lead nature study activities, outdoor adventures, scientific discovery, gardening, games, storytelling, and crafts (for kids in groups ages 3-4, 4-5, 6-8, 8-11).
- Assist with administration, supply management, safety, and site upkeep as needed.
- Must be able to attend training prior to the start of camp (see below) – or be willing to work out an alternative training scenario if attendance at scheduled programming is not possible.

Qualifications:

- Enjoy spending time outdoors
- Able to spend 4-8 hours on your feet (with appropriate breaks)
- Interested in working with children (previous experience with kids preschool and/or K-5th helpful but not required)
- Background in the natural sciences helpful but not required
- Responsible, safety-conscious (1st Aid/CPR training helpful but not required for application – will be needed by summer)
- Positive energy, sense of humor
- Committed to sustainable living
- Up-to-date COVID vaccination record
- Experience leading bike rides or fluency in Spanish helpful for some camps but not required

Training Dates: Required training on Saturday, June 15, 10 am-4 pm, at our site in Alton Baker Park. Natural history, teaching skills, leadership, and safety will be covered. Additional training opportunities TBA in spring 2024.

Credit Options/Stipends 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. Out-of-area student interns are also welcome and we are happy to assist with credit requirements if sufficient information can be provided. As funds are available, a limited number of stipends are available for applicants who meet internship qualifications.

Time Commitment: Daycamps run in weekly sessions, June 24 – August 30. Each session has its own unique theme. Half day camps run 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Full day camps run 9 am-4 pm. Interns must participate in trainings and assist at least four weeks of our 10 week season. Weeks do not need to be consecutive. For topics and dates see nearbynature.org/daycamps. (Note that 2024 camps will be posted in February 2024.)



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.