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Subject: Field Naturalist internship, NJ

Job Description: The GEORGE MYERS FIELD NATURALIST INTERN develops a full spectrum of skills through hands-on participation in various educational, research and conservation projects at New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Bird Observatory (CMBO) and Nature Center of Cape May (NCCM), Cape May, NJ (1 April - 22 Dec). Cape May is renowned as one of the world's greatest hotspots for animal migration, as well as being a popular summertime vacation destination and beach resort.

The combination of the two, offers great opportunities for wildlife research and education through public outreach.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct short programs, field trips and workshops on bird id and migration phenomena to the general public.
- Assist migration research counters when needed.
- Orient and assist visitors to the Cape May Migration Count Sites and assist with bird ID • Conduct children's programming at the Nature Center's summer children's nature camp.
- Conduct interpretive outreach programs (emphasis on local aquatic marine animals) at various locations throughout Cape May County.
- Assist in all daily operations of running the Nature Center during the busy summer season. This may include program registration, retail operations, cleaning, gardening, animal care, aquarium and equipment maintenance, etc.
- Assist with the design and maintenance of interpretive exhibits, displays, and other center-based informational materials.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, environmental science or similar field preferred.
- Flexibility to adjust hours to meet the special needs of the program and organization.
- Must have his/her own vehicle, a valid driver's license, and be able to operate vehicle in NJ.
- Must have the physical capacity to walk over uneven terrain for long distances, able to move materials and to lift 50 lbs

Knowledge and Skills

- Familiarity with bird migration, birding, marine species and coastal ecology is a plus, but learning on the job is expected and we will provide training and support.
- Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to accept direction and constructive feedback • Motivated self-starter who is also a team player • Strong computer skills (Microsoft Office) to fulfill the job requirements • Ability to relate to a diverse range of people and exercise cultural competence and inclusion • Willingness to work irregular hours under sometimes difficult field conditions

Starting Date: 1 April 2016 End Date: 22 December 2016

Salary: \$ 1500/ month. Housing arrangements may also be available.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2016.

Please send cover letter of interest, resume, and three references as a single PDF document (including email and phone contact info) to <<mailto:hr.gmnaturalist@njudubon.org>>hr.gmnaturalist@njudubon.org