



## **NEARY LAGOON WETLAND WALK DOCENT INTERNSHIP**

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**Minimum requirement:** 2 consecutive quarters

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Neary Lagoon Wetland Walk Program, now in its fourth year, is designed to promote understanding of the importance of wetland ecosystems, and to nurture a connection between students and their local wetland. The program consists of a two part experience for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students: an in-class, interactive presentation followed by a guided field trip at Neary Lagoon Wildlife Refuge in Santa Cruz. Each student is given a pair of binoculars to use for a class bird-count, which encourages in-depth observation of the environment. The class is split into two groups, to be led by staff and a trained docent volunteer. The field trip lasts approximately 2 hours.

### **JOB SUMMARY:**

The Museum of Natural History seeks one dedicated college level intern to help with the Neary Lagoon Wetland Walk Program. The selected student will work with the Education staff at the museum on the following tasks in the Fall of 2007:

- Work with students, teachers, volunteers, and program staff to be a docent for 6 or more Neary Lagoon field trips for the quarter.
- Help with set-up and breakdown of materials needed for field trips.
- Help with program development by working with staff on a project related to Neary Lagoon curriculum.
- Meet regularly with Neary Lagoon Coordinator to review progress.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

The intern should be an undergraduate with an interest and experience in at least one or more of the following areas: Environmental Studies, Education, or Outdoor Education. Bilingual skills a plus.

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:**

In the fall, the student must attend the Docent training series that happens on 3 Mondays in September. Supplemental training for interns not beginning during fall quarter will be provided. The student also must observe at least 2 field trips, and co-lead at least 1 tour with staff before being able to lead any field trips on their own.

### **MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT:**

The student must be willing to commit to 5-12 hours per week (depending on the number of units desired) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Fridays.

### **TO APPLY PLEASE SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO:**

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