

# INTERN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER 2015



## Who We Are:

Wilderness Awareness School is a national not-for-profit environmental education organization, dedicated to caring for the earth and our children by fostering understanding and appreciation of nature, community and self. Established in 1983 in far off New Jersey, we have been based in Duvall, Washington since 1995.

Our courses combine ancient and modern ecological wisdom, and empower people of all ages to become stewards, mentors and leaders. Over the past two decades, Wilderness Awareness School has grown from a small group of visionary individuals to a leading national organization impacting the course of nature education, and inspiring many schools and individuals across the country and the world.

Our mentoring approach honors individuality, encourages self-sufficiency in learning, and awakens a kinship with nature as it trains youth and adults to blend the awareness of a native tracker with the knowledge of a wildlife biologist. Our wilderness education courses draw on traditions from indigenous cultures world-wide, emphasizing nature as teacher, routines to enhance awareness, storytelling, self-motivated learning, and tracking as an interpretive tool.

**Wilderness Awareness School's** ongoing intensive mentoring courses for youth and adults as well as our home-study naturalist training courses provide opportunities for ongoing study of the natural world that allow nature education to be a part of daily life, rather than an isolated event.

## Position available:

**Internship:** up to 400 hours over 10 weeks of field training and/or assistant guiding hours.

This internship is without monetary pay, and requires a full-time commitment. Because of the high-level of experiential training involved, we have hired some past participants as staff during and after their internship experience.

## Qualified internship applicants should possess:

- A strong understanding of the balance between the benefit to the student and the organization in attaining success. A strong applicant is committed to fulfilling the internship, and understands that return is dictated by investment.
- A desire to enter the outdoor education industry with a strong understanding of the operation of a leading nature education organization based in the U.S., exemplified by a knowledge of cutting-edge instructional methodology working with youth ages 4-18 in a variety of program offerings
- Reliable transportation, valid driver's license
- Reliable cell phone
- First Aid and CPR may be needed. WFA is desirable
- Willingness to submit to background check.

Wilderness Awareness School internships call for an individual who is:

- Ethical (strong personal and work ethic)
- Highly Motivated
- Having a Positive Attitude
- Interested in an out of the box style and experience

## Benefits to the Intern:

**Instructor Training** – Receive unique, intensive nature education training, as well as training in fundamentals those employers look for in a budding new instructor. Learn our Coyote Mentoring teaching style and how it relates to Wilderness Awareness School's Eight Shields model.

**Access to additional training courses** – You may enroll in our discipline-specific training courses. Examples include survival skills courses, instructor training courses, and more.

**Experience working for a reputable expanding nature education organization** – Log resume experience with an innovative, reputable organization based in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains of Washington state.

**Fulfill your school's internship requirements** – We are happy to assist in your meeting internship guidelines for your undergraduate or graduate programs.

**Fun, and Transformative** – We like to have fun, it makes life so much better. Many who come to use find in some way that life changes. Maybe in a large way maybe in a small one, either way at the end they say "life is different".

**Dates:** Starting in early June with a week or more of Staff training through the end of August.

## Housing options in Duvall:

If housing is desired, craigslist.com is a good starting point (Duvall, WA). Additionally, many of our interns have found camping options in the 3 warmer seasons to be adequate; both car camping and self-sufficient van style are popular. Some rental options might be available on our school's land.

## How to apply:

Application Packet must include:

1. Cover letter expressing why you wish to be a volunteer intern with Wilderness Awareness School
2. an outdoor resume, including work experience, education and training, certificates and trade memberships, significant experiences in the field, and a detail of skills and experience
3. Authorization for Background Check ([Download PDF](#))

Please send all application packets or questions to:

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