



## Natural Resource Education and Recreation Internship January – June 2017 (with possible extension)

The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment is looking for a dynamic individual to fill the position of Natural Resource Education and Recreation Intern. The intern will support the organization's natural resources educational work and youth outreach programming. The Sierra Institute is engaged in a number of local educational projects interacting with community youth (primarily teens, grades 7-12). The Natural Resource Education and Recreation Intern will assist in the development of natural resource science programming, serve as a mentor and educator to teens, and assist with other Sierra Institute projects as needed. The position will be six months in duration with the possibility of extension.

### Job Duties

#### Natural Resource Education (70%):

Assist with the development of education modules focused on classroom and field-based learning of natural resource management, including school-wide thematic learning activities and overnight natural resource trips. Mentor student natural resource teams to help prepare them for natural resource education competitions and science fairs. Assist with classroom and field-based learning activities. The intern will have opportunities to work in the classroom and on field trips with the local high school. There may also be opportunities to increase understanding of ecological data management and statistical analysis if desired.

#### Greenville Outdoor Adventure Learning (GOAL) (5%):

The GOAL project is designed to provide diverse and unique outdoor adventures for local youth. Past GOAL trips have included several adventures at night under a full moon including snowshoeing and canoeing, tubing a local creek, backpacking on a nearby ridge and on California's Lost Coast, among other activities. Duties include developing outreach materials, recruiting participants, and prepping gear and equipment for trips, as well as serving as an assistant trip leader.

#### Friday Night for Teens (5%):

The Friday Night for Teens project provides a supervised, substance-free environment for local youth for a few hours every Friday night. The intern will be expected to support this project by providing staff support for the weekly event. This is a great opportunity to work with a large group of junior and senior high age teens.

#### Other Projects (20%):

The intern will have the opportunity to assist with other organizational projects. Depending on the individual, other projects could include social sciences or wood utilization projects.

### Qualifications

The Sierra Institute is looking for someone who is passionate about making a difference, has demonstrated comfort working with adolescents, and with an educational background in science (e.g., environmental science, natural resources, biology, ecology, or a related field). Prior experience working with youth in an educational setting is preferred. Fieldwork experience is a plus. Strong writing skills, attention to detail, independence and adaptability are required. Personal vehicle is not a job requirement but highly advantageous for off-work time.

## More Job Details

### Location

The position will be primarily office-based (80%) with occasional field trips and classroom time. During time off, the intern can enjoy living in the middle of unlimited outdoor recreation opportunities, including hiking, biking, and climbing, on surrounding public lands at the intersection of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges. The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment is located in rural Plumas County, California, in the small town of Taylorsville.

### Compensation

The intern will receive a stipend of \$1,000/month, plus free housing in Taylorsville within walking distance of Sierra Institute.

### To Apply

Please send a cover letter, resume (complete, does **not** need to be on one page), and contact information for three references as a single document to [Jobs@SierraInstitute.us](mailto:Jobs@SierraInstitute.us). Or mail to Sierra Institute PO Box 11 Taylorsville, CA 95983. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until December 9, 2016. The position will remain open until filled, with applications reviewed upon receipt.**

### About Us

The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment promotes healthy and sustainable forests and watersheds by investing in the well-being of rural communities and strengthening their participation in natural resource management.