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POSITION AVAILABLE – INTERN NATURALIST

WHERE: Shady Creek Outdoor Education Program is operated by the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools for 5th and 6th grade students in northern California.

LOCATION: The program owns a facility called Shady Creek located just 11 miles outside of Nevada City, California.

TIME OF Position is anticipated, and would start in September and end in May. We offer 15 weeks of program with a break from mid December to late January.

VOLUNTEER The intern position is intended to be a volunteer position and provides practical educational experience in a well established environmental education program. Minimum wage based on 40 hours per week plus room and board, workman's compensation, and an accident/illness insurance policy during program days.

TO APPLY: Contact the Shady Creek Outdoor Education Program at the above address to obtain an application. Applications should be in ASAP.

***** JOB DESCRIPTION *****

The intern position at Shady Creek is designed to give interns a variety of experiences and opportunities in an environmental education program. Specific duties will be scheduled each week.

The primary responsibility of the intern is to function as a staff naturalist, assisting teachers and classes with the study of conservation, ecology, and outdoor safety. Interns and naturalists also help operate and organize an innovative recreation program for pupils at Shady Creek.

Many interesting leadership and learning experiences are available at Shady Creek and the intern, who will be considered as a full staff member, will be trained to lead all activities while being supervised by our naturalist staff as she/he gains experience.

The intern position is designed to be a broad and exciting educational opportunity. It must be stressed that although this is essentially a volunteer position, it will require and energetic and enthusiastic applicant willing to participate fully each week.

The Selection Process – Intern Naturalist

Following the time schedule below, a committee of educators from schools in the Shady Creek Program will review applications and then invite those most qualified to Yuba City for interviews and a field knowledge evaluation.

Applications received by Resident Director -	As soon as possible
Invitations to interview forwarded -	As soon as possible
Interviews, demonstration teaching and - field knowledge evaluation in Yuba City	To be scheduled

Criteria Considered

The naturalist intern must be able to adapt his or her belief system to the program's philosophy, goals and objectives. Naturalist interns will be expected to master the teaching strategies designed for this program. Local teachers and administrators are directly in charge of the on-site programs for their classes and our resident staff members are considered to be resources available to help in ways mutually planned by the local educators and the Resident Director. The naturalist intern must be able to work well with a great variety of teachers and administrators.

The following characteristics will be judged in determining the persons to be offered the position of Naturalist Intern:

VERY IMPORTANT	-	Have a solid academic and practical background in ecology and natural science. Should have a broad, basic knowledge of the principles of nature, the relationships among elements of an ecosystem and the ability to identify or find the identity of the most important living and mineral elements of our study area.
VERY IMPORTANT	-	Have a warm and enjoyable personality which communicates well to pupils and to their teachers and principals. Must work successfully with about 50 separate classes and their principals throughout the program.
IMPORTANT	-	Training and/or experience in education or recreation are valued.
IMPORTANT	-	Previous experience in environmental education programs is an advantage.
DESIRABLE	-	The ability to play a musical instrument, lead campfire singing and programs is valued.

SHADY CREEK OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM -
Staff Application Form

Return To:
George Stratman, Director
Shady Creek Outdoor Education Program
970 Klamath Ln.
Yuba City, CA 95993

INTERN NATURALIST APPLICATION

Miss
Mrs.
Applicant's Name: Mr. _____

Name of College _____ City _____

College Major _____ College Minor _____

Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Schools Attended or Attending Years Graduated What Year Degrees Credentials

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please list three (3) people we can contact in regard to your ability to perform the job for which you are applying.

References:

Name Address (include state and zip) Phone Type of Work

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Note: I understand part of applying for this position is an interview-demonstration session to be held in Yuba City. This presents no problem and I'll be there if asked.

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- 1) I understand that I will be required to attend the in-services training activities as scheduled and the staff post session. Staff members are paid for this time and furnished room and board.

This presents no problem, and I can be present.

YES

NO

- 2) The Shady Creek facility is owned and operated by Sutter County Superintendent of Schools and therefore, no liquor may be possessed or consumed on the property. Forest Service and school rules severely restrict smoking to a few authorized areas; and, of course, the use of drugs illegally is prohibited in any school program.

This presents no problem, and I am able and willing to abide by these limitations. YES NO

- 3) Have you ever: (a) forfeited bail, or been (b) been arrested, or (c) convicted, or (d) fined, or (e) jailed, or (f) placed on probation for any violation of law other than minor traffic offenses? (If any of these events has occurred, these questions must be answered “yes”, regardless of subsequent court action under Penal Code Section 1203.4 resulting in dismissal or “being expunged”).

YES NO *If YES, please explain:*

- 4) Shady creek has no provision for housing pets and has asked us not to bring them when we are in residence.

This presents no problem and I agree. YES NO

- 5) Shady Creek naturalists and naturalist interns spend most of their day in the field with classes. The program entails a great deal of walking and holds to a fairly tight time schedule. Are you able to perform these duties with or without reasonable accommodations?

YES NO *If YES, please explain:*

- 6) Please use the bottom of this page (and additional pages) to tell us about your background, abilities, and experiences as they pertain to this position. Feel free to indicate anything you can do skillfully that would be of particular advantage to our program. Be sure to stress **why** you are interested in this position.
