Norris Center for Natural History and Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

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# of interns needed/Hours worked per intern: Needed for quarters: Options (choose one)
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X Spring __Summer __Or keep on file for one year

Describe the internship:

For the last 2 years, the Norris Center has been working with the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History (SCMNH) to design and implement an animal education field trip program for elementary school students. We are currently looking for ENVS senior interns or regular 2 and 5-unit interns to work closely with Norris Center and SCMNH staff to implement and assess this program. This collaboration will offer interns a rich hands-on experience working in a team environment to create a new impactful program to engage Santa Cruz youth.

In particular, this internship offers:

- Exposure to the latest research on teaching science using inquiry-based methods for engaging primary school students of diverse backgrounds (including the incorporation of Next Generation Science Standards)
- Opportunities to visit a variety of environmental education programs in Santa Cruz County
- Experience working as a team to develop and pilot new curriculum that will be used to inspire thousands of future elementary school students
- Coaching and practice teaching this newly developed curriculum to field trip groups

Requirements:

We are looking for interns to begin in Winter 2017 and possibly stay on into Spring 2017. Ideal applicants will have a strong interest and background in environmental education and/or natural history.