California State Parks, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

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# of interns needed/Hours Needed for quarters: fall, winter, spring 5

Describe the internship assignment:
California State Parks mission statement is to provide health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation.

The role of the intern at HCRSP will serve to fulfill this mission through learning to present high quality interpretative programs for both school groups and the general public. Specific objectives to attain this goal will be to receive in depth training in which the intern will develop skills and techniques to effectively interpret both the natural and cultural history of HCRSP to park visitors.

Tasks to be performed will be to research, develop, and present natural and cultural programs of about one hour in length in an old growth redwood ecosystem. The intern will also learn about other aspects of interpretation including roving interpretation and interpretive writing.

Prerequisites: Outline the skills and background information necessary to participate in this internship.

Skills necessary to participate in this internship are:

• a basic knowledge of ecological principles,
• an interest in the environment, and a desire to share knowledge about the environment to park visitors.
• A certain degree of organizational skills and a commitment to be trained and to deliver high quality thematic interpretive programs to all ages are a must.
• Enthusiasm and initiative are beneficial attributes, as well.

Please note: If there are any interns interested in leading school groups, we are offering a School Group Inservice on Friday, September 23 from 9-12 at the Henry Cowell Redwoods SP Visitor Center. We'll go over curriculum, group management on the trail, and how to lead a walk for kids.