

Careers in Conservation

Paid High School Internship with the MidCoast Watersheds Council

Position Description: Located in Newport, Oregon the MidCoast Watersheds Council (MCWC) is seeking a high school student to support habitat restoration projects through hands-on fieldwork including removing invasive plants, replanting areas with native species, and tending our native plant nursery under the direction of our botanist. Educational fieldtrips to past restoration sites and reference locations and job shadows with partner organizations will provide context for the work of MCWC and our partners.

Sponsored by the Oregon Coast STEM Hub, this internship be an orientation to as many aspects of the conservation and restoration field as possible, including fieldwork, data collection, analysis, and science communication. The fieldwork will be ongoing at the direction of the Habitat Restoration Specialist and the internship coordinator. Locations of restoration sites will vary depending on the needs of the Council, and transportation will be arranged. The internship will culminate with a presentation at our monthly community meeting of their completed. The intern will be assisted in the creation of the presentation by the MCWC staff.

During this internship, the student will be introduced to a variety of careers in natural resources and conservation while acquiring for a variety of transferable skills. This will be accompanied by training in creating both written and educational materials for social media and our website, and analysis of qualitative habitat data.

Location: Newport, Oregon

Compensation: \$15 an hour; school credit may be possible

Work hours: 24 hours a week, 2-3 days per week

Application Deadline: June 3rd, 2022

The minimum qualifications for education and/or experience include:

- High school students, 16 years or older with an interest in natural sciences, natural resource management, environmental education, or another related field
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Able to work outdoors under a range of conditions and terrain
- Able to maintain positive, cooperative relationships with others and conduct work in a professional manner

Other desired qualifications include:

- Curious about plants and habitats of Oregon: Able to learn and recognize common plants of the Pacific Northwest

- Familiar with Microsoft Excel and Word software (or similar): Able to enter data and create graphs and compose written documents incorporating text, pictures, and tables
- Interest in discussing, learning, and/or teaching about issues related to environmental justice
- Willing to work with power tools (brush cutter, etc.) with staff members who will provide training and supervision

Inclusion Statement

This position requires no prior experience in the natural resource field and is meant to be a true entry level position to begin building a professional network and develop skills for a budding career in environmental stewardship. MidCoast Watersheds Council respects and welcomes all identities within our organization. We recognize the intrinsic link between environmental and social justice and dialogue is encouraged. The Council does not discriminate based on any class or identity including age, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation. The Council is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. The Council makes reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and special needs to provide access to Council events, materials and services. If you have requests for accommodations or complaints about discrimination, harassment, inequitable treatment, lack of access to council events, materials or services, or for any questions at all, please contact us.

To Apply: Please email a 1 page resume including any paid or volunteer experiences and relevant classes or school projects and a half page statement that explains why you are interested in this position and how it will support future educational and/or career goals to tom@midcoastwc.org.

If you would like to submit a paper copy or have any questions, please email or call (541) 265-9195.