YMCA Camp Seymour
Marine Science Curriculum Development Intern

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Internship Position Title:   Marine Science Curriculum Development Intern
Number of Openings:         1 or 2
Quarter(s) Internship is available for:   Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer
Hours per week:             
Paid or unpaid:             Unpaid, but Meals provided
Location:                   YMCA Camp Seymour, 9725 Cramer Rd. KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329

Description of Organization:  YMCA Camp Seymour is a not-for-profit Y Camp that runs programs year round. In the summer we run a traditional resident summer camp. During the school year and parts of the winter, we offer Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE) Programs to school groups during the week and conferences and retreat groups on the weekend. We also offer teen leadership programs, family camps, and challenge course/high ropes course programs.

Camping, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social and educational activities. Camping teaches self-reliance, a love for nature and the outdoors, and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership—all amidst the fun of camp fires, bugle calls, canoeing, archery, talent shows, and meaningful relationships. Y counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.
Responsibilities of Intern:

- Work with the OEE Directors in developing a Plankton class and/or adaptations class. Interested in hands-on activities including using microscopes where students can investigate marine phytoplankton and zooplankton and gain a better understanding of their role in the ecosystem as well as their interactions with each other. Curriculum would include field sampling and microscope observations.
- Observe and Teach Marine Science classes
- Work with the OEE Directors in developing our existing Marine Science curriculum for our summer camp program. Campers participating in MS camp are exploring the natural history and interactions among marine organisms, specifically looking at PNW intertidal invertebrates in our touch tank and on our beach. Interested in including a snorkeling section to this as well.
- Work with the OEE Directors in developing our existing curriculum for a class on Sustainable Fisheries (Fishing for the Future as adapted from Facing the Future)

Qualifications:

- Understanding of Marine Science and Puget Sound estuarine environments
- Strong sense of responsibility and dependability
- Independently motivated
- Good communication skills with adults and children
- Passion for Marine Science education
- Displays outstanding organizational skills

Preferred Majors/Minors: Marine Science or Education

How to Apply: Fill out a Volunteer Application which includes a list of reference needs, and turn it in to Becca Gjertson @ YMCA Camp Seymour. Go through the interview process. If chosen all Volunteer interns are required to take Child Abuse Prevention Training and must pass a background check.