



## **Environmental Education Internship Spring 2023**

### **Internship Summary:**

This spring, the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is offering an educational internship opportunity. The intern will play an active role in assisting the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council with many aspects of our watershed education program. The intern will work closely with the Watershed Council Education Director and Outreach and Education Coordinator to help deliver watershed education projects and events throughout the spring. Utilizing strong communication skills, an enthusiasm for teaching, and an interest in natural resources, the intern will have valuable opportunities to assist with a diversity of elements within the Watershed Council's education program. Educational program delivery may include: teaching streamside learning activities, delivering classroom presentations, and developing watershed educational materials and activities. The intern will also have multiple opportunities to connect with the Children's Forest of Central Oregon, assist with collaborative events, and network with Children's Forest partners. The internship hours are flexible: 10 hours per week with occasional weekend and evening events.

### **Internship Dates: March 15 to June 15th, 2023**

**General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):** The intern will spend the majority of their time as an assistant educator, working with local students at streamside learning projects as well as in the classroom. In addition, program delivery support (including in-classroom support to teachers, delivery of watershed education publications, collaboration with partners, and in-office work) will occupy the majority of their time.

### **Requirements:**

1. Interest in traditional and/or non-traditional education programs.
2. Enthusiasm for working with students in outdoor education.
3. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
4. Willingness to work occasional evenings and weekends as necessary, and to travel periodically (safe, competent driver, insured)
5. Ability to work independently as well as being a strong team player, with a minimum of supervision.
6. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
7. Regular and reliable attendance.
8. Completed background check.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

1. One year of successful work experience in education, natural resources, community development, and/or youth development.
2. Foundation of knowledge of local conservation and education issues.

**Intern Benefits Include:**

The Watershed Council is committed to crafting this position into a significant learning experience for the selected applicant. The intern will receive hands-on experience in field-based education as well as opportunities to network with both formal and non-formal educators, scientists, natural resource management professionals, and Children's Forest partners. In addition to gaining valuable hands-on experience coordinating environmental education programs, the intern will also be eligible to receive a reimbursement for education-related expenses up to \$1,000.

If applicable, the intern is also eligible to receive 1 COCC course credit for ED 188: Environmental Education Internship. The selected intern will also be offered the opportunity to earn academic credit through OSU-Cascades. If interested, the intern can enroll in NR 410, a 3-credit independent study class in collaboration with the Natural Resource Program at OSU-Cascades. Students enrolled in NR 410 will work with an OSU-Cascades faculty supervisor to complete all tasks associated with academic credit requirements. Internship credits may be available with other OSU-Cascades programs; the prospective student is encouraged to check in with that program's coordinator about internship credit possibilities.

**Questions about the project? Contact:** Kolleen Miller, Education Director, (541) 382-6103 x3  
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**Application Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** Submit resume, cover letter, and three references to Kolleen Miller [kmiller@restorethedeschutes.org](mailto:kmiller@restorethedeschutes.org)