

Scout Programs Intern

Internship Department: Education, Youth and Community Programs

Objective: The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum provides opportunities for Boy and Girl Scouts to explore the nature and science of our region through On-Demand Badge and Pin workshops, Merit Badge and Pin Days, and other special events such as Journey Days and Overnights. The intern will help develop and lead hands-on activities for scouts in grades K to 12, and assist in creating an outreach “Badge-in-a-Box” program to help make workshop activities available to troops who cannot visit the Nature Museum.



Responsibilities: Intern will work cooperatively with the Scout and Youth Programs Coordinator to develop hands-on activities for two Girl Scout “It’s Your Planet - Love It” Journey Days, and one Boy Scout special event: the Scout Fest 100 Anniversary celebration for the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Additional responsibilities may include revising and teaching scheduled scout workshops and assisting with the implementation of a scout activity badge day and the creation of a workshop outreach program. Intern will gain experience in curriculum development and program facilitation.

Final Product: Intern will develop four to six activities, games, or crafts for two Girl Scout “It’s Your Planet - Love It” Journey Days to be implemented at each event, along with one activity to facilitate at the Scout Fest 100 Anniversary Celebration. Intern will then gain experience facilitating his/her activities at these events.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge and interest in science and nature
- Rudimentary understanding of child development theories, learning-styles, and teaching techniques is a plus
- Research skills, including the ability to use libraries, the Internet, and other materials
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Self-motivated, with excellent time-management and organizational skills
- Past experience working with and/or teaching children is preferred
- Enthusiasm and a desire to have fun discovering nature and science with both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts is required!

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Desired year in school: Junior year in college or above

Compensation: Unpaid

Desired majors: Environmental Science, Biology, Education

Time Commitment: 8-12 flexible hours during the week for curriculum development; must be available to work Girl Scout Journey Day: October 30, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and preferably the ScoutFest 100 Anniversary Event on September 18, 2010.

How to Apply: The following materials are required in order for your application to be considered:

1. Completed Application
2. Resume
3. Cover Letter
4. Letter of Recommendation

Complete the intern application at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2NBV8YG>. Submit all other materials via email to internships@naturemuseum.org. It is best to submit your documents as attachments in PDF format to prevent file corruption. Letters of recommendation should be sent as attachments directly from the recommender to internships@naturemuseum.org. Letters emailed from the applicant will not be accepted.

Application Deadline: August 31

Contact Jill Doub, Manager of Volunteers and Interns, with any questions at jill.doub@naturemuseum.org or 773-755-5142.