

# Outdoor Educators Internship



## About the Program

Outdoor Educators Internship is an opportunity for individuals to gain experience teaching and working with elementary-age children outdoors. Interns help lead Wenatchee River Institute's (WRI) youth summer day camps based in Leavenworth, Washington. These weekly day camps are for children in grades 1-6 and focus on a variety of themes including science, nature appreciation, outdoor recreation and leadership skills. Camp activities are diverse and include art, science, nature games, hiking, paddle-boarding, survival skills, rock-climbing and gardening to name a few. Visit [www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](http://www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org) for more information about WRI Summer Camps.

Interns will work alongside one WRI staff with 13 children and will assist staff with camp management, activity preparation and lending a hand wherever needed. Interns must agree to work with camps for the entire 6 weeks plus one day of training. We are looking for those who exhibit strong communication and leadership skills, have an interest in science and the natural world, are motivated to work with young children and can be a positive role model.

To qualify for the Outdoor Educators Internship, applicants must be at least 16 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will be contacted the following week.

## Commitments

- Attend the mandatory training on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10<sup>am</sup>-3<sup>pm</sup>
- Intern during all six summer camp weeks: Mon-Fri, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00<sup>am</sup>-3:30<sup>pm</sup>
- Participate in a weekly mentorship meeting immediately following camps

## Benefits

Have fun outdoors. Gain professional experience working with youth. Acquire leadership, education and communication skills. Learn about conservation issues, science and your local environment. Work with other enthusiastic outdoor educators. Complete up to 200 hours of service to the community. The experience looks great on a resume.

## Application

Submit completed application by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Application must include personal information, short answers and a letter of recommendation as outlined in the application.

Have questions? Contact us at [programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](mailto:programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org) or (509) 548-0181 x3.

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### Qualifications:

- 16 years of age or older by June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Experience working with children desired.
- Smiling team player, positive attitude, service-oriented.
- Able to commit to the internship expectations as outlined below.
- Able to work outdoors in variable weather conditions.
- Flexible, committed, and passionate about the environment and working with children.
- Able to provide your own transportation to and from Barn Beach Reserve in Leavenworth, WA.

### Program Expectations:

Please read each of the following expectations and initial to the right to acknowledge that you have reviewed each statement.

I am willing and able to:

- Attend the mandatory training Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> training. \_\_\_\_\_
- Intern at camps Monday-Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00<sup>am</sup>-3:30<sup>pm</sup> \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend weekly mentorship meetings following camps. \_\_\_\_\_
- Be excited to learn about science and the environment. \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a positive role model for campers. \_\_\_\_\_
- Be flexible, committed and passionate about working with children. \_\_\_\_\_
- Work outside in variable weather conditions. \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow all Wenatchee River Institute regulations regarding professionalism and dress code. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this internship? \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Answers

In 1-2 pages please answer the following questions on a **separate sheet of paper**. Type or neatly write your answers. Please use complete sentences.

- 1 - Please describe any previous volunteer or job experience.
- 2 - Please tell us about any experience you have working with children (babysitting, camps, sports, family, etc.).
- 3 - Why do you want to be an Outdoor Educator Intern?
- 4 - List four skills, talents, or things you are good at.
- 5 - What do you hope to get out of this experience?
- 6 - What is one thing we should know about you?
- 7 - What qualities do you have that will contribute to a successful experience in this program for yourself and other participants?

### Letter of Recommendation

Attach one letter of recommendation from an adult who is not a family member. S/he should speak to why you are a good fit for the Outdoor Educators Internship program. This letter should not exceed one page.

### Submit Completed Application to:

**Mail:** Attn: Youth Programs

PO Box 2073

Leavenworth, WA. 98826

**Email:** [programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](mailto:programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org)

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