



Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Guided Discoveries Internship

About Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

The mission of Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is to advance understanding of ecology by exploring New Hampshire's natural world. Through spectacular live animal exhibits, natural science education programs, guided Squam Lake Cruises, an informal public garden, and Blue Heron School, a nature-based Montessori early learning center, the Science Center has educated and enlightened visitors since 1966 about the importance of our natural world. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is located on Route 113 in Holderness, an easy drive from exit 24 off I-93, and public trails are open daily from May 1 through November 1 with programming throughout the year. The Science Center is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and is the only AZA-accredited institution in all of northern New England. For further information about the Science Center, call 603-968-7194 or visit www.nhnature.org.

Position Purpose and Summary

The Science Center's Guided Discoveries Internship is an opportunity to learn and grow while gaining experience in environmental education at a nationally accredited nature center. Guided Discoveries are weeklong nature day camps that provide children ages 4 to 12 with hands-on experiences that help them discover and connect with New Hampshire's natural world. The Guided Discoveries Intern assists the Guided Discoveries Instructor with the planning, preparation, and instruction for these theme focused day camps. The Guided Discoveries Intern also gains experience handling and teaching about native New Hampshire wildlife.

To learn more about the Science Center visit <http://nhnature.org>.

Internship Experiences

- Receive training in interpretation and environmental education techniques
- Learn to handle live, native animal ambassadors
- Receive First Aid/CPR training and certification
- Co-teach eight weeks of *Guided Discoveries*, week-long nature day camps for children ages 4 to 12, by planning and leading hands-on experiences that help children discover and connect with New Hampshire's natural world
- Assist with special events and additional duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- College junior/senior status or graduate student with a major in the natural sciences, early childhood education, elementary education, environmental education, or related field
- Experience working with children in educational and/or recreational settings preferred
- Enthusiasm, motivation and a desire to work with children and animals
- Ability to effectively communicate with staff and volunteers
- Appropriate footwear is required (e.g., closed toed shoes) and outerwear is required for all weather conditions (e.g., cold, rain, wind)
- Must be able to lift and carry 50 pounds
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time
- Available from May 25-August 21, 2020 on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. First three weeks are training in education/interpretation and animal handling. Remainder of internship is planning

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and teaching Guided Discoveries nature day camps.

Benefits:

- Weekly stipend \$150/week
- Onsite, shared housing in a rustic cottage

To Apply:

Email cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to School Programs Coordinator [Jeremy Phillips](#). Cover letter should address your interest in applying for this position, your career goals, and how you anticipate this position will contribute to your professional development.