



## **SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER**

### **SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAM 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, an informal public garden, and lake cruises, 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 is open daily from May 1 through November 1. 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. To learn more visit [nhnature.org](http://nhnature.org).

#### **Position Purpose and Summary**

The Science Center's summer Education Program internship is an opportunity to learn and grow while gaining experience in environmental education at a nationally-accredited nature center. Education Program interns alternate between two focus areas: assisting with *Guided Discoveries* day camp programs and presenting live animal programs. *Guided Discoveries* are week-long day camp programs that provide children ages 4-14 with hands-on experiences that help them discover and connect with New Hampshire's natural world. Live animal programs include *Up Close to Animals* – short, live animal programs presented at the Center's outdoor trailside amphitheater, and [Live Animal Outreach](#) programs – presentations given offsite at a variety of venues including campgrounds, libraries, summer camps, and environmental organizations. Education Program interns also complete one or more projects developed with guidance from Education Staff.

#### **Qualifications:**

- College junior/senior status or graduate student with a major in the natural sciences, environmental education or related field
- Experience working with children in educational and/or recreational settings preferred
- Candidates receiving college credit for the experience are given priority in consideration
- Enthusiasm, motivation and a desire to work with children, adults and animals
- Available from May 28 to mid- to late-August and able to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends

#### **Benefits:**

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

#### **To Apply:**

Email cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to Senior Naturalist [Dave Erler](#). Cover letter should address your interest in applying for this position, your career goals, and how you anticipate this position contributing to your professional development.