



Squam Lakes Natural Science Center 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, 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

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center's 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 assist with presenting live animal programs to the public and teaching nature day camps. 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
- Assist with *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
- Present *Up Close to Animals* – short live animal programs at outdoor trailside amphitheater
- Assist with presenting live animal outreach programs presented offsite at a variety venues including campgrounds, libraries, summer camps, and environmental organizations
- Interact with visitors and provide an educational presence on the exhibit trail with a live animal or biofacts (e.g., pelts, feathers, skulls)
- Assist with special events and additional duties as assigned
- Complete one or more projects supporting Education Program goals

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
- Enthusiasm, motivation, and a desire to work with children, adults and animals
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Appropriate footwear is required (e.g., hiking shoes) and outerwear for all weather conditions

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(e.g., heat, 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 to mid- to late-August, 2020 and able to work a flexible schedule including nights and weekends. First three weeks are training in education/interpretation and animal handling with a Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule. Schedule will vary the remainder of the summer.

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 Naturalist [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.