



Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Volunteer 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 Volunteer Program Internship is an opportunity to learn and grow while gaining experience in volunteer administration, public speaking, and live animal handling at a nationally accredited nature center. Over 300 volunteers contribute more than 9,000 hours each year supporting all aspects of Science Center operations from education to animal care to facilities to events. The Volunteer Program Intern assists the Volunteer Manager with overall support and administration of the volunteer program. To learn more about the Science Center visit <http://nhnature.org>.

Internship Experiences

- Plan and lead volunteer training sessions
- Serve as mentor for new volunteers
- Help manage volunteer schedule and communicate with volunteers on schedule updates
- Lead group volunteer events
- Assist docents with handling live animals
- Receive training in interpretation and environmental education
- Present *Up Close to Animals* – short, live animal programs at outdoor trailside amphitheater
- Receive first aid/CPR training and certification

Qualifications:

- College junior/senior status with an interest in the natural sciences, human resources, nonprofit management, or volunteer administration
- Experience as a volunteer, in volunteer administration, or human resources preferred
- Enthusiasm, motivation, and a desire to work with animals and people of all ages
- Available from May 25 to mid- to late-August, 2020. 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. The schedule the remainder of the summer will be Thursday-Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with some evenings for trainings and special events.

Benefits:

- Weekly stipend \$150/week

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- Onsite, shared housing in a rustic cottage

To Apply:

Email cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to Volunteer Manager [Carol Raymond](#). 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.