Job Announcement: BookTrails Summer Internship 2015

Summary:

Have fun this summer and help an environmental organization by teaching youth in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. BookTrails is an exciting organization that offers unique early-education programs promoting environmental awareness taught through reading, writing, and art. We are seeking 6 interns to join our summer programming team. Interns will gain experience in many sectors of the organization—logistical planning, marketing, and most of our intern's time will be spent teaching environmental education in an outdoor setting. Interns will also get to travel to Edwards, CO and help teach a satellite program, as well as camping trips and rafting trips with the campers throughout Northern Colorado. An unforgettable experience is guaranteed, as well as an excellent springboard towards your next career choice. Spend your summer exploring the beautiful Colorado wilderness while helping children have the nature experience of a lifetime.

Responsibilities:

- Create, prepare, and lead activities and lessons for elementary-aged children and preschoolers
- Learn and practice the BookTrails curriculum and teaching program
- Provide one-on-one and group setting literacy and nature education for students
- Assist with morning and afternoon sign-in/out and organize camper paperwork
- Help with transportation and logistical needs and planning field trips around the area
- Room to grow within the organization
- Have fun and be silly! Play in the Colorado outdoors!

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate students studying environmental sciences, biology, literature/English, or education strongly encouraged to apply.
- Experience working with children, ages 3-12, preferably in an outdoor setting.
- Must be a team player, problem solver, FLEXIBLE, work well under pressure
- Strong knowledge of nature ecosystems, the natural world, or willingness to learn
- Boundless energy and positive attitude
- Must have strong reading and writing skills and a passion for literature
- Must possess strong communication skills
- Must hold valid driver’s license
- Must be CPR and First Aid Certified, Lifeguards preferred! (applicants can be willing to obtain certifications prior to camp start date, BookTrails will not compensate for any certifications)

Conditions:

- Must be able to reside in Steamboat Springs from June 8th-August 14th. BookTrails does not provide housing but can help guide interns to find housing.
- Must be financially able to commit to internship for the entire period of 9 weeks without compensation. BookTrails Interns are eligible to apply for a $600/summer stipend to help offset living costs. BookTrails can also help interns find supplementary jobs on the weekends.
- Interns will rotate between working Camp Weeks (M-F 8am-5pm) and Planning Weeks (teach 2 short day classes and plan for the following camp week on their own time)
BookTrails’ mission is to foster literacy in all people and promote access to literacy programs for all children. BookTrails aims to design programs that create new ways to experience the joys of reading and writing through experiential learning.

Benefits:

- Interns may apply to receive a stipend of $600/summer to help offset living and transportation costs, awarded at completion of internship. Intern applicants should be mindful of planning for the 9 week internship to make it possible financially.
- Willing to work with student to obtain college credit
- Invaluable learning experience in fields of natural ecology, local Colorado history, and environmental education. Interns will have the freedom to teach topics they are passionate about
- Excellent resume builder and references—opportunity to continue with organization.
- Opportunity to work hours at the bookstore (Off the Beaten Path)
- Opportunity to explore private, wild Colorado lands and camping/rafting trips.

Apply

Applicants should submit the following to Admin@steamboatbooktrails.org (include “BookTrails Internship” in subject line):

• Resume and cover letter

Use your application materials to explain your interest in BookTrails and its mission; please highlight any exposure you have to the wilderness areas and the dates of your availability. Your cover letter should explain the skills, experience, and interest that qualify you to fulfill the expectations outlined above.

Please contact Admin@steamboatbooktrails.org with any questions.
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