



# Spring Naturalist Internship

## Majors preferred:

Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, Zoology, or related majors

## Dates:

Spring Internship: January 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

(Negotiable, depending on student's schedule and requirements; Possible extension into summer as well)

## Location:

Fripp Island, South Carolina

## Description:

Our Naturalist Interns are responsible for assisting the Head Naturalist and other recreation staff members with daily operations in the Fripp Island Activity Center.

- \* Organize, implement, and evaluate all daily recreation activities involving nature
- \* Lead resort guests/residents on nature programs including kayak tours, canoeing trips, gator walks, birding programs, fishing programs, nature of the night programs, etc. You can learn more about some of our programs here: <https://www.frippislandresort.com/nature-programs/>
- \* The Activity Center houses a variety of reptiles and marine life which naturalist interns will use to educate and entertain resort guests
- \* Develop and implement an independent research project under the direction and supervision of the Head Naturalist
- \* Assist with current Head Naturalist projects including (but not limited to) our native pollinator garden and dolphin photo ID project
- \* Animal care and exhibit maintenance (including daily/weekly feedings)
- \* Assist with injured animal transport or wild animal relocations
- \* Discuss nature-related topics with guests with the goal of instilling compassion, positivity, curiosity, and appreciation for wildlife and the environment
- \* Assist recreation staff with camps, school groups, and craft programs
- \* Recreation staff have a 40-hour work week with the possibility of working weekends and holidays. Additional time off and guests can be accommodated within reason.
- \* Perform additional duties upon request



## Qualifications:

- \* Have a degree (or be pursuing a degree) in the mentioned fields above
- \* Excellent customer service skills and a positive, professional work demeanor
- \* Able to speak loudly, clearly, and professionally to large groups of people
- \* Working knowledge of and passion for barrier island ecology
- \* Willing and able to confidently handle ALL of the animals in the nature center including snakes, alligators, turtles, etc.
- \* Willing to handle marine animals including fish and crabs
- \* CPR and First-Aid certified (or willing to get certified before arrival)
- \* Proficient in Word, Excel, and Power Point
- \* Must be able to work in a variety of weather conditions
- \* Able to swim
- \* Able to lift 30-50 pounds
- \* Valid driver's license

## Salary:

South Carolina Minimum Wage, \$7.25/hour every 2 weeks with included housing (\$100 is deducted from each paycheck for rent)

## Benefits:

Enjoy access to resort amenities including restaurants, fitness center, pools, golf, tennis, volleyball, and basketball.

## How to Apply:

Please submit your cover letter, one-page resume, and a list of 3 references (2-3 past employers and 1-2 academic advisors) to apply. Submit your application items as one PDF document to Megan Grams at [mgrams@frippislandresort.com](mailto:mgrams@frippislandresort.com)

## Deadline:

October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 (All day) Selection may be made before the deadline.

