

Seasonal Naturalist Job Description

Job Compensation: \$9/hr plus onsite, shared housing for \$150/paycheck; will also be provided with an amenities card to access resort pools, restaurants, tennis/golf, etc. during the duration of their position

Qualifications: Must have recently graduated (within the last 6 months) with a degree in wildlife biology, zoology, marine biology, or related field OR have a different degree with relevant work experience; Excellent customer service skills; Positive, professional work demeanor; Able to speak loudly, clearly, and professionally to large groups of people (including children); Working knowledge of/passion for barrier island ecology; Willingness to learn to confidently handle ALL nature center animals including snakes, alligators, turtles, etc.; Willing to handle marine animals like fish and crabs for programs; Able to work in a variety of weather conditions; Proficient in Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Google Drive; Able to swim; Able to lift 30-50lbs; Valid driver's license; CPR certified (or willing to get certified)

How to Apply: Please submit your cover letter, one-page resume, and a list of 3 references (2-3 past employers) to apply. In your cover letter, please specify which term(s) you are applying for (spring/summer OR summer/fall), when you are able to begin your position, and why you believe you would be a great fit for our team. Submit your application items as one PDF document to our Recreation Director, Hannah Ballentine at hannahb@frippislandresort.com and include the position titles you are applying for in the subject line.

What is a seasonal naturalist?

- A seasonal naturalist is a naturalist staff member that works for two or more consecutive seasons with one of those seasons including summer. These staff members will have graduated within the past 6 months with a degree in biology, wildlife, or related field when hired.

What are their responsibilities?

Our Naturalists will be responsible for assisting the Head Naturalist and other recreation staff members with daily operations in the Fripp Island Activity Center. Below is an outline of the job responsibilities:

- 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. (see our website link for more program information)
- The Activity Center houses a variety of reptiles and marine life which naturalists will use to educate resort guests and residents to instill a passion for nature and wildlife
- Help run our nature center office (answering phones, taking reservations, etc.)
- Animal care, exhibit maintenance (including daily/weekly feedings), and meet the animals program
- Develop and implement an independent, community outreach based research project under the direction and supervision of the Head Naturalist to present to our guests/residents at the end of your position term
 - These extended projects will be similar to internship projects except they will have more data (due to longer position), extra educational components, and/or more in depth community components

- Take the lead on tasks related to collecting data for/developing current Head Naturalist projects including (but not limited to) our native pollinator garden, dolphin photo ID project, and alligator tagging project
- Assist Head Naturalist with behind the scenes tasks including but not limited to weekly/seasonal nature inventories, weekly social media posts, weekly meeting updates regarding extra tasks, updating Head Naturalist with information related to group tasks as they are completed, organizing nature areas, etc.
- Assist with injured animal transport (including birds and small mammals) or wild animal relocations (including rattlesnakes and alligators)
- Assist recreation staff with camps, school groups, and craft programs
- Perform additional duties upon request

Recreation staff have a 40-hour work week and will be working some weekends and all holidays. Additional time off and guests can be accommodated within reason.

Off-season (Sept.- March) seasonal naturalists will spend a good portion of their time with animal care and guest interactions during busy weeks/weekends due to less staff being available to assist with these tasks