



# Summer Naturalist Internship

## **Majors preferred:**

Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, Zoology, or related majors

## **Dates:**

Summer Internship: May 18<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

(Negotiable, depending on student's schedule and requirements)

\*\*Possibility of extension until December\*\*

## **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.

- Lead resort guests/residents on nature programs including the following: kayak tours, canoeing trips, gator walks, birding programs, botany, herpetology, fishing programs, crabbing, nature of the night, 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
- Animal care and exhibit maintenance (including reptile feedings)
- Support Head Naturalist with injured animal transport and wild animal relocations (including alligators, snakes, raccoons, opossums, birds, etc.)
- Assist Head Naturalist in ongoing projects: developing a native pollinator garden, collecting data for our dolphin research project, and creating/revising educational programs related to nature
- Conduct an independent research project under the supervision/direction of the Head Naturalist and present your research at the end of the internship period
- Monitor bluebird boxes for the South Carolina Bluebird Society
- Assist other Recreation staff with school groups, special events, arts and crafts, and Camp Fripp programs
- Take reservations for programs and complete sales transactions
- Recreation staff have a 40 hour work week with the possibility of working weekends and holidays. Additional time off and guests can be accommodated.



## Qualifications:

- This internship is intended to fulfill part of the graduation requirements of students currently enrolled in an accredited university (for credit hours). Discuss with your advisor how this opportunity can be part of your curriculum.
- Be pursuing one of the preferred degrees mentioned above (or a recent graduate with one of these degrees)
- Excellent customer service skills and a positive, professional work demeanor
- CPR and First-Aid certified
- 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 (\$100 per pay check is deducted from each pay check to cover housing on the island)

## Benefits:

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

## How to Apply:

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and a list of 2-3 references as a PDF document to Hannah Ballentine at [hannahb@frippislandresort.com](mailto:hannahb@frippislandresort.com)

## Deadline:

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 (All day) Selection may be made before the deadline.

