Environmental Studies Internship Opportunity Form

Organization name: Wild Bear Nature Center
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Internship available these semesters (please mark one or more semesters):
Spring _X Summer _X FallX_

Brief description of Your Organization:

Since 1995 Wild Bear Nature Center has served their mission of "Inspiring a lifelong connection to nature and community through creative exploration of the outdoors." Wild Bear engages thousands of people each year through its interim nature center, ecology programs, workshops, and events. In 2010, Wild Bear opened a free nature center in downtown Nederland. With handson exhibits and homegrown art, the nature center is a beloved destination for explorers of all ages. Wild Bear enjoys tens of thousands of visitors to the interim nature center every year.

Describe the nature/goals of the project(s):

Wild Bear Nature Center is excited to offer hands-on work experience in environmental studies, science, and education! Interns will assist our highly experienced Nature Educators teach creative and nature-based curriculum to school age children in the great outdoors

The variety of our offered programs are a great mix of learning, creativity, nature exploration all held in the outdoors wherever and whenever possible! Wild Bear's education team develops the theme and then staff create a structure of the day which encompasses science, music, games, story, crafts and outdoor exploration! See below requirements which apply directly to these programs. We also offer internship in our interim nature center and community events, cultivating volunteers, improving exhibits, animal care and more.

- -Gain real-world work experience and skills
- -Develop knowledge and skills in hands-on nature education
- -Learn about local Rocky Mountain ecology
- -Work with kids in beautiful outdoor locations
- -Professional development with a growing non-profit organization.

Please list required and/or desired skills and qualifications:

- Interest in or in progress of obtaining a degree in the field of education, environmental studies, natural science or related field and/or experience in leading groups of schoolage children and adults in nature or nature center operations and exhibit design.
- Clear background check from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.
- Three positive professional references
- Experience, Interest and/or education in innovative nature education program full day planning.

How to Apply:

Previous experience preferred but not required, just a passion for education and nature needed to apply!

To apply send resume, at least two references, and cover letter of interest to: Nature Education

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