

**Internship: Teaching Assistant
in Youth Environmental Education
With The Coastal Expeditions Foundation**

Location: Coastal Expeditions Headquarters, Shem Creek, Mount Pleasant, SC

Dates: September 1 to Mid-December

Time commitment: 15-20 hrs/week, flexible dependent on applicant's availability

Academic credit: Please consult with your Academic Program (major or minor) about the opportunities for earning academic credit

Compensation: \$15/hr

Description

The Coastal Expeditions Foundation & Outdoor School is seeking an Intern/Teaching Assistant to help facilitate environmental educational programming and experiential learning during field trips and afterschool activities. These programs concentrate on exploration and discovery within the salt marsh, barrier island beach, maritime forest, and cypress-tupelo swamp ecosystems. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about the environment, willing and ready to learn, and enjoys working with young students.

Youth kayak and boat expeditions are 2-4 hours in duration and take place within Shem Creek, Charleston Harbor, Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, and Black River Cypress Preserve. Additional activities include fishing and crabbing, nature walks, swimming, and beach combing for fossils and shells. Student ages range from 5-12 years old.

General responsibilities include:

- Assist with field trips and afterschool programs
 - Engage with students in a kind and supportive manner, as a teacher and mentor
 - Work with teaching staff to develop and implement fun and informative environmental educational programming for the Outdoor School
 - Assist with group management and participants' safety
 - Prepare and clean-up before and after programs
 - Be open and ready for diverse tasks assigned by Team Leads
- Assist administrative staff in the main office
 - Greet guests and visitors
 - Complete sales transactions for retail purchases
 - Answer general inquiry phone calls
 - Other tasks assigned by Office Manager

Learning Outcomes

The internship is designed to introduce you to the field of outdoor education and the ways in which nature can enhance youth development. The program provides advanced kayak training and hands-on experience in environmental education.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter (1-2 pages), resume, and contact information for three references to Katie Morrison, Director of Education, (katie@coastalexpeditions.com). Additional supporting documents to demonstrate your skills and qualifications are also encouraged.