



Summer 2011 Internship Opportunity (PAID)

Raincoast Education Society (2 positions)

Tofino BC

The Raincoast Education Society has a long history of hiring student interns and summer interpreters to assist with our diverse range of outdoor interpretive programs that take place in the forests and on the seashores of the Tofino and Ucluelet area. As an intern, you will work with our staff to develop and deliver interpretive and educational programs for children and adults about the natural environment, communities and cultures of the west coast of Vancouver Island.

We are proud to see past interns pursue careers and opportunities as varied as the Vancouver Aquarium, Masters and PhD programs, founders of outdoor adventure and education businesses, Parks Canada, BC Ministry of Environment and more.

Is this internship for you? You have burning passion to learn, develop and share your knowledge about the natural world with local residents and visitors to the Tofino-Ucluelet area. You are hard-working and motivated, and you've got a positive outlook on life. You can demonstrate through your past work experience and in your interview that you are an excellent communicator, including being a good and patient listener. You enjoy working in a team environment and you understand that you can learn as much from your colleagues as they can from you. You are eager to try new experiences and to challenge your expectations and assumptions. You also understand that in a team environment, everyone pitches in to do some of the "less glamorous" jobs.

Our goal is to provide you an enriching and rewarding summer internship experience. We want you to leave your internship with a deep understanding of the ecology and cultural history of the Clayoquot and Barkley Sound area, and with new and enhanced communication and teamwork skills. We hope that you will discover something you love to do or learn about that you didn't know about at the beginning of the summer. And we want you to have a lot of fun!

Your Qualifications:

- *Mid-May to end of August internship:* Enrollment in a post-secondary university or college program OR *July-August internship:* High school student
- Experience working with people and in a team environment
- Previous interpretation or education experience is an asset, but is not necessary
- First aid certification is an asset

These positions are full-time (37.5 hours/wk) through the summer. Some evening and weekend work will be required. Due to funding restrictions, applicants must be between 15 and 30 years old and be enrolled full-time in a recognized secondary or post-secondary education program. Applicants must also be registered to return to school in September 2011.

Application Procedure:

The deadline for applications is midnight April 30th 2011 with interviews taking place in Tofino the following week. We regret that phone interviews are not usually possible except in *exceptional* circumstances.

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

The internship begins May 16th or 23rd, 2011 depending on funding and your availability. The internship ends August 30th – Sept 2nd 2011 (last day of work is negotiable).

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO ENSURE YOU SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

Please send:

- a one page cover letter (typed or handwritten) explaining why you are interested in this internship and how you feel it will help you in your career or life goals.
- Your resume including details about your current education program (what is your major or area of specialization?)
- Name and telephone of three references, preferably including at least one previous employer.

Send all documents by snail mail or e-mail, and direct all enquiries to:

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