Youth Leadership Middle School Programs Academic Intern
Golden Gate National Parks; Crissy Field Center, San Francisco
Part Time, Spring Semester 2017
Available only to students currently enrolled at COM, SFSU, and CCSF

OVERVIEW

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is a destination for both locals and international visitors with its sweeping vistas, immense biological diversity, and unique cultural resources. With over 15 million visitors annually and over 80,000 acres of land, the GGNRA is the largest urban national park in the country.

The Crissy Field Center is a partnership of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service. Overlooking a restored tidal marsh, Crissy Field Center is a multicultural urban environmental center that primarily serves children, youth and families that traditionally have had little, if any, access to their national parks. Our programs encourage new generations to become bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities and a more environmentally just society. Currently housed in a green building designed to meet LEED platinum standards, the Crissy Field Center is also a certified Green Business. Its facilities include a media lab, sustainable arts workshop, urban ecology lab, gathering room and teaching garden in addition to a café that supports the education programs of the Center. From the beginning, Crissy Field Center leadership programs have been developed for young people-by young people.

POSITION

Do you want a meaningful role engaging and empowering local youth to become strong community leaders?

The Youth Leadership, Middle School Program Department is looking for an eager passionate team player interested in learning how innovative youth development practices are currently being implemented in the parks. The intern will assist the Middle School Program in implementing a diverse curriculum with a rich combination of outdoor excursions, leadership development, future planning, multicultural environmental education, community building for youth participants to acquire the rich cultural and historical life of their National Parks and community environmentalism.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Working with the Middle School Programs Manager will gain experience teaching in a multidisciplinary youth program
• Create once a month drop in public teen program for San Francisco’s middle school and high school students at the Crissy Field Center to bring youth out to their Nation Park. Themes from past events; live board games night, Casino Royale night and Ultimate Bingo night
• Create postcard for event and outreach for teen drop in program
• Help chaperone, lead programming, and support middle school interns on Saturdays (9 Saturdays for Spring semester)
• Lesson may vary from; Food justice, gentrification, service, and etc.
• Support middle school program manager in outreaching for summer 2017 Urban Trail Blazers program
• Support middle school program interviews in April (up to 80 students)
• Responsible for the physical and emotional safety of the youth participating in the program at all times
• Assist with the Dr Martin Luther King Middle School afterschool program with the YMCA. Intern will have the opportunity to execute and support instructor through various lesson plan. Intern will have the opportunity to host and coordinate family nights where they will have to opportunity to invite nontraditional park user to various locations in the GGNRA, Muir woods, Alcatraz, Presidio and etc.
• Perform administrative tasks associated with job and other duties as needed

**BENEFITS**
• Learn all aspects of coordination to implement a nationally recognized youth development program
• Develop strong project implementation and management skills
• Opportunity to explore and enjoy the beautiful scenic, natural, and cultural resources of various National Parks
• Opportunity to work with staff and youth from diverse backgrounds who are ambitious, passionate, and highly dedicated in fostering the growth and development of youth participants to become confident leaders and voices of various communities and our parks
• Opportunity to serve as a positive role-model, mentor, and be rewarded with meaningful relationships
• A uniform will be provided
• Opportunity for personal/professional development days to pursue an interest, including training and education in various departments within the Park Service and Parks Conservancy
• Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day taxable stipend available, plus academic credit

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**
• Committed to the mission and values of the Crissy Field Center
• Knowledge of issues related to the urban environment, ability to make connections between the urban and natural environment, cultural history and current events in order to make education relevant to diverse audiences
● Desire to bring the skills and ideas they have learned to the next generation of leaders and change-makers
● Experience working with middle and high school age youth from underserved communities in San Francisco
● Knowledge of adolescent development and able to implement youth development principles, Respond to youth needs, knowledge of local community resources
● Strong group management skills and ability to build a strong team with participants; exhibits confidence in self and others; inspires and motivates others to perform well
● Exhibits sound and accurate judgment; can clearly explain reasoning for decisions
● Creative, energetic and self-motivated, ability to take initiative and recognize what needs to be done.
● Ability to take direction and feedback in a constructive manner
● Detail orientated, organized, and able to multitask
● Performs administrative tasks associated with job and other duties as needed
● High School diploma and completion of some college coursework preferred
● Experience teaching in an informal setting preferred Background in environmental studies, education, child and adolescent development, recreation, or related field preferred CPR and First Aid certification, can be obtained after hire Bilingual, ability to speak Spanish or Chinese preferred
● Competent in the use of Microsoft Office, especially including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Digital Editing software Valid CA Driver’s License with 2 years of driving experience
● Competent in the use of Microsoft Office, especially including Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Digital Editing software
● Experience with media, audio/visual technology and video editing/production (a plus)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT
● This is a mixed position with outdoor and office time each week
● Ability to hike 5 miles on uneven terrain and participate in physical team-builders/games with youth participants.
● Ability to lift, carry and position objects weighing up to 50 pounds

TERMS
● Desired Start Date: January 2017
● Schedule: 3 days per week. January through May. Summer (full time) extension possible to Middle School Summer Instructor.
● Fifty Dollar ($50.00) per day taxable stipend plus academic credit available
● Intern must have a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to receive stipend
Available only to students currently enrolled in SF State, City College of San Francisco, and College of Marin

To apply for this position, please submit an application and send a resume and a thoughtful cover letter to AcademicIntern@parksconservancy.org. Please indicate the position(s) that you are applying for in your cover letter. No phone calls please.

The Parks Conservancy and National Park Service seek to increase diversity in the workplace and reflect our Bay Area community. People of color and of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.