Raptor Migration Outreach Intern
Golden Gate National Parks; Marin Headlands, Sausalito
2 Positions available; Full Time, July-December 2018

OVERVIEW
The Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) is a program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service, and is made up of around 300 community volunteers and a small staff. The GGRO mission is to inspire the preservation of birds of prey. Our business is to study the bird of prey migration along the central California coast, particularly at the Marin Headlands, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We are dedicated to the conservation of raptors both through careful data collection and through involving the public in every aspect of our research.

POSITION DESCRIPTION
We are looking for two outreach interns who will enjoy interpreting the migration for park visitors.

Outreach interns will learn the scientific background of GGRO’s migration studies and all of our field techniques, but will also discover the ins and outs of a 35-year-old community science operation in an urban national park. You will be expected to show some obsession for learning to identify California raptor species, as well as other local birds, and even some insects. Grunt work, like bird cage cleaning, carrying wood up hill and trimming poison oak, will not be above you.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
As an outreach intern, you would support the daily activities of our 300 volunteer scientists in close coordination with GGRO staff. You will also take the lead in providing the pubic with an educational experience, on Hawk Hill and in the classroom.

- Outreach and education
  - Lead public talks on hawk biology and migration
  - Lead short educational programs for volunteers
  - Maintain and create outreach materials for public display
  - Develop content for social media platforms and program newsletters
- Raptor migration field research support
  - Identify and count up to 19 species of birds of prey
  - Trap and band hawks and falcons
  - Collect detailed and accurate data in the field
  - Tend to captive lure bird colony
- Data management and operational support
  - Enter and proof migration data using Access database and Excel
  - Provide logistical support for day-to-day office and field operations
- Assist with special projects

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS
- Recent college graduate or current senior in biological sciences or related field
- Passion for bird identification and wildlife study, and talking with the public about science
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential
- Flexible, mature, self-motivated, and a sense of humor
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- Enthusiasm for working with large groups of people with different backgrounds, ethnicities, races, genders, sexualities, ages, and viewpoints  
- Comfortable with social media platforms including Instagram and Facebook  
- Bilingual a plus

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS
- Must enjoy working long hours outside in variable weather, as well as in an office setting  
- Able to stay focused and upbeat in the face of sometimes-pervasive fog  
- Able to walk steep hills and across rough terrain  
- Able to stand (and sit!) for long periods of time

BENEFITS
- Gain knowledge of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and its mission  
- Develop proficiency in North American raptor species identification  
- Opportunity to hone presentation and speaking skills in front of diverse audiences  
- Opportunity to become familiar with raptor biology, field methods, and scientific literature  
- Gain experience in conducting a long-term volunteer-staffed wildlife study  
- Thirty dollar ($30) per day taxable stipend and shared housing (single room, shared bath and kitchen) within biking distance of GGRO headquarters

TERMS
- Start Date: July 1, 2018  
- Schedule and length: 5 days per week (weekends required), July-December 2018 (with possibility to extend)  
- Valid US driver’s license required

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

HOW TO APPLY
Emailed applications are strongly encouraged; please send a single PDF and include “2018 GGRO Outreach Internship” in the subject line. Send cover letter, resume, and phone number/emails of three references, along with your current address and phone number. Completed applications must be received by Wednesday, February 21 to be considered.

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