

Sea Turtle Program, Volusia County, Florida, USA

2010 Volunteer Summer Internships

Volusia County Environmental Management is seeking (2) motivated, team oriented individuals to participate in summer internships for the 2010 sea turtle nesting season. Sea turtle nesting season is from May 1 to October 31. Interested applicants are needed for 2 days a week or more over a 10 week period between May 1- September 30. Work opportunities are abundant and more time can be dedicated if it is desired by the applicant.

The experiences you will gain from this position are limited only by your initiative to learn. The position is multifaceted and includes not only sea turtle nest monitoring work, but an opportunity to gain insight to management of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and government administration, including enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to sea turtles and protection of the beach environment. Self starters and eager learners are highly encouraged to apply.

Deadline for all applications is Monday, March 12, 2010.

The main job functions are listed below but other opportunities may be possible based on your level of interest and background education.

- Conduct early morning sea turtle nesting surveys. This work includes marking, relocating, and excavating sea turtle nests and recording all necessary data under the supervision of a field biologist and along with other volunteers.
- Obtain experience handling four wheel drive vehicles including ATV's. A vehicle for work use will be provided.
- Use sub-meter accurate GPS units to obtain waypoints at all nest sites and use the associated software to obtain the data and manipulate it for use in other applications.
- Computer work including using Microsoft Access and Excel programs to document sea turtle nesting data and other field obtained information.
- Assist with sea turtle lighting surveys.
- Other opportunities include other wildlife monitoring, bird and turtle rehabilitation husbandry, coordination of beach clean up events, responding to marine mammal and sea turtle strandings, and making connections for future opportunities within this field of interest.

All applicants must be 18 years or older, pass the physical and screen test and have or be able to obtain a Florida Drivers License. Selected persons must be able to handle physically demanding conditions including extreme heat and insects.

Room/board/salary and benefits are NOT provided.

Fulfillment of needed credit hours may be possible. Please direct questions to Stacey Bell at (386)238-4716 or visit www.volusiaseaturtles.org.

Interested applicants must send a **cover letter** (including dates available for commitment) and **resume** to:

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