



Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
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Environmental Educator Internship

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County aims to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance. We work across the majority of San Diego County on a variety of programs, including fire prevention and education, watershed education, school garden support, promotion of pollinator habitat, and management of a large community garden.

The RCD is seeking a student to work as an Environmental Educator Intern and assist with various other education programs. This intern will mainly assist with the Watershed Education Program which is delivered in partnership with the San Diego Unified Port District. The program aims to educate 2nd – 6th grade students about watersheds, how our waterways become polluted, and what students can do to make a difference. This is conveyed through a one hour presentation using a three dimensional watershed model. The program is targeted at schools within the San Diego Bay Watershed. Interns will also participate in presentations which teach students about pollinators and their benefits. Additionally, they will work closely with our education programs at Wild Willow Farm and Education Center where we work to educate, cultivate, and empower sustainable food companies in San Diego. Interns will work to teach our field trip program at the farm where we educate children about animals, compost, seeds, plants, and additional farm information. This internship will require students to be in the office one day a week paired with virtual work and work in classrooms or at Wild Willow Farm.

Interns will participate in all elements of delivering various environmental education programs. They will gain classroom management and presentation experience, as well as help shape a program that educates our youth about the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability. Responsibilities include:

- Delivering virtual or in person presentations at participating schools.
- Deliver presentations about watersheds, pollution, and pollinators.
- Lead on-farm educational activities, safely and with kindness, to groups of 8-15 participants. Field trips vary in length from 45 minutes to three hours, but a typical field trip is two hours. Interns will be expected to help set up before and clean up after each field trip.
- Assisting with program evaluation.
- Reviewing and updating program materials to fully meet grade-level NGSS standards and to align with STEM objectives.
- Assisting with watershed program administration including communicating with teachers, booking presentations, program publicity, data analysis, and emailing packets for participating teachers.
- Working with RCD staff to identify additional resources to support the program.
- Assist the Education Coordinator with miscellaneous tasks for our various educational programs.

Eligibility: We are seeking applicants who are studying to become educators or who are undertaking a degree in a field related to environmental sustainability / conservation, though applicants in other degree pathways will not be excluded. Previous experience is not required and training will be provided.

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Requirements: Must possess a current, valid California driver's license, current proof of automobile insurance coverage, and reliable transportation; knowledge of word processing, PowerPoint, and Excel; punctuality and reliability. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is beneficial but not required. Must have stable access to the internet to give presentations.

Terms: the internship is offered on a part-time basis, unpaid, up to 15 hours per week, with an option of work in exchange for course credit. This is a semester long internship with the potential to be longer if desired. Interns will also receive a \$600 stipend after completion of a 16 week semester.

Start date and duration: as soon as possible, lasting for one semester.

Schedule and location: working hours are Monday – Friday between 9:00am – 4:30pm. The position will be virtual or based at our office in Lakeside (east San Diego County). Mileage to offsite locations will be reimbursed.

To apply: please send your resume and a cover letter explaining your interest in this position and why you think you'd be a good fit to Sierra Reiss, Education Coordinator at sierra.reiss@rcdsandiego.org. Please contact Sierra with any questions at 619-562-0096.