



Nature Walk Program Intern

The Nature Walk Program Intern will work with the Program Coordinator and assist with day-to-day operations of the Nature Walk youth volunteer program, along with mentoring program participants. Nature Walk is a summer volunteer opportunity for incoming 7th-12th graders with a strong interest in the natural world and a passion to share their knowledge with others. Participants interpret at animal and plant themed carts, and handle or display live animals.

DUTIES:

- Support Program Coordinator with day-to-day operations of Nature Walk.
Program days are Mondays and Fridays 9:30-2:30pm; and Wednesdays 9:30-4:30pm.
- Assist with program training and facilitating additional activities for Nature Walk volunteers.
- Help with inventory and care of props and biofacts for interpretive carts.
- Model effective interpretive and visitor engagement techniques, presentation of accurate information, and proper care of live animals and biofacts.
- Work independently and with the Program Coordinator for the success of the program.
- Coach Nature Walk volunteers by addressing kudos and concerns with the Program Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Establish a positive rapport with over 50 Nature Walk volunteers and oversee daily assignments.
- Initiate delivery and retrieval of program animals to interpretive carts for the day as assigned.
- Provide support to Nature Walk volunteers in care of program animals and clean enclosures at the end of day.
- Communicate with the Program Coordinator effectively regarding daily schedule changes.
- Gain knowledge of Como Campus plant and animal collections, attractions and visitor amenities.
- Understand and follow required Como Campus policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be in pursuit of or recently earned a bachelor's degree in education, biology, psychology, sociology, recreation or related field.
- Demonstrate effective communication skills and leadership in directing youth.
- Demonstrate flexibility, reliability and experience working with program participants as well as the public.
- College credit is preferred but optional.
- Experience working with middle school and high school youth is preferred.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- The Nature Walk program runs June 15th through August 26th, 2020. Ability and willingness to work select weekends in May and June for Nature Walk program training is preferred.
- Be available up to 25 hours per week – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

APPLY INFO

- Please visit our website to download the application and review application requirements:
<https://comozooconservatory.org/support-us/job-internships/>