

Education and Outreach Paid Internship at Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge (2 positions)



Overview

The St. Croix Sea Turtle Project works in close collaboration with Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge, which protects critical nesting habitat for leatherback, hawksbill, and green sea turtles. Two Education and Outreach Interns will work closely with refuge and project staff to design and lead educational programs during the summer of 2024 for the community of St. Croix, with sea turtles as the focal species.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Outreach and Education Interns will integrate information about sea turtles, habitats, and ecosystems into educational programs. Students are encouraged to apply if they are interested in educating the public about natural resources and sea turtles. The positions allow for interns to develop their own ideas and improve existing programs. Responsibilities throughout the 8 weeks will include:

- Developing and leading new outreach and education programs such as the Sunset Watch program two nights a week in June & July, and the Turtle Tracks & Shells program.
- Assisting with Sea Turtle Week 8-16 June.
- Assisting the Education and Outreach Specialist with community activities coordination and outreach events like beach cleanups, tabling events such as Mango Melee and Coral Reef Week, fundraising, and festivals.
- Assistance with other programs at the refuge as needed including sea turtle patrol.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Applicants must be 18+ years old and enrolled in high school or college.
- Organized and detail-oriented, able to prioritize multiple tasks.
- Motivated to work on a close-knit team and assist when necessary, with other programs.
- Passionate about education about the conservation of threatened and endangered species.
- Comfortable speaking in public and leading education programs.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Familiarity with the US Virgin Islands history, habitats, and species.
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Salary:

\$600 per week. Work week is 35-40 hours with a flexible schedule (including early mornings, late evenings & weekends for education programs). Applications from Virgin Islanders will have priority during the recruitment process because it is our goal to support the local community to develop skills and gain experience in natural resources. The St. Croix Sea Turtle Project is committed to equal opportunity in employment and contracting and encourages all members of the community to apply. We also do not tolerate harassment or creation or contribution to a hostile work environment for any reason and is prohibited by law. Applications will be accepted from **April 1st to May 5th**. Interviews will begin in mid-May. The anticipated start date is June 3rd, 2024. The internship will last for 8 weeks and finish at the end of July. Please apply by submitting your cover letter, resume, and two references, addressed to Ellie Sherman at sandypoint.turtlewatch@gmail.com.