



Student Internship Position Announcement:
Laguna Explorers: Camp Tule 2019
Three sessions: July 8-12, July 22-26 and August 5-9

Camp Tule Overview

Located at the Laguna Environmental Center, Santa Rosa, Camp Tule is a nature-based day camp for children aged 6-10 years. Each camp day (9-3, M-F) will be spent outdoors and filled with exploration, discovery, creativity and nature games all designed to connect children to the environment. Children attending camp will learn about the native plants and animals of the Laguna de Santa Rosa ecosystem in a supportive and encouraging environment. We aim to foster wonder in children and for every child to delight in the world we live in. Camp Tule is a place where children grow creatively, look closely, and spend structured and unstructured time exploring and playing in nature.

Position Summary

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation seeks high school through college-age student interns to assist in the facilitation of Laguna Explorers: Camp Tule.

Interns will:

- Help naturalists lead groups of campers in nature games, crafts, hiking, and more
- Lead games, crafts and activities in small groups as appropriate
- Supervise campers during lunch and free time
- Attend morning and afternoon meetings with all Camp staff to reflect, plan and set-up for coming day.
- Help keep campers safe by using positive discipline techniques and working within the prescribed codes of conduct
- Support the camp philosophy of encouraging nature connection through inquisitiveness
- Attend Intern training (date and time TBD) and learning the Camp Tule staff handbook
- Commit to helping at camp for 15-40 hours during one, two or (preferably) three weeks of camp.

Benefits of being an Intern Counselor:

- Spend time outdoors in a beautiful spot, having fun and getting exercise and fresh air
- Learn about environmental education techniques from skilled and experienced educators
- Practice outdoor education teaching and leadership skills for working with youth (group management, small and large group nature based games, inquiry based exploration of the natural world, skills to safely lead youth hikes)
- Earn school credit if arranged with your advisor
- Earn a stipend of (based on experience and time commitment)
- Upon successful completion of the internship you will be awarded a certificate and letter of recommendation outlining successes and skills achieved as a Camp Tule Intern.

Skills

The qualified intern will have:

- Experience, interest and comfort working with groups of children in the field (always with another educator)
- Positive attitude with an enthusiastic desire to be a role-model, advisor, teacher and friend to children
- Emotional maturity exhibiting a responsible and cooperative spirit

- Desire to learn & share that curiosity
- Interest in environmental education
- Leadership skills or a desire to develop them
- Bilingual skills a plus
- Previous camp experiences a plus (either as a camper yourself or counselor in training)

Time: The minimum commitment is 15 hours during one of the camp session, plus attendance at a training session. For the smooth functioning of Camp, we prefer to offer internships to qualified people who are available for all three of the camp sessions. Hours are flexible but personal schedules must be set to ensure the smooth camp operations.

Typical Camp Schedule

- 🌀 7:30-8:30 AM: Staff set-up & prep for the day
- 🌀 8:45: Campers begin arriving. Check-in
- 🌀 9:00: Camp starts
- 🌀 9:00-9:30: Circle – morning greetings & a whole group activity
- 🌀 9:30-11:45: Nature explorations: walks, games, challenges
- 🌀 11:45-12:30: Lunch & free time
- 🌀 12:30-2:30: Explorations in Creativity, natural history and stewardship
- 🌀 2:30-3:00: Closing Circle – stories of the day
- 🌀 3:00: Campers depart
- 🌀 3:00-3:30: Staff de-brief, clean-up & prepare for the next day

To become an Intern: Please complete the Camp Tule Intern Application and submit to Christine Fontaine, Laguna Foundation Education Director ASAP and no later than June 1 2019. Email to: christine@lagunafoundation.org or mail/deliver to Laguna Foundation, Attn: Christine Fontaine 900 Sanford Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. Call 707.527.9277 x102 with any questions.

About the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

Founded in 1989, the Laguna Foundation is a place-based organization focused on the Laguna de Santa Rosa and the surrounding wetland communities. We are a non-profit with the mission to restore and conserve the Laguna de Santa Rosa, and to inspire public appreciation of this Sonoma County Wetland of International Importance.

Our work focuses on Ecological Restoration, Conservation and Inspiration:

- Establishing tens of thousands of native trees and plants and removing non-native invasive species which improves water quality, restores lost habitat, improves bio-diversity and mitigates climate change.
- Collaborating with land stewardship, resource management planning and implementation with a broad spectrum of stakeholders including private and public landowners, governmental agencies and non-profits.
- Conducting conservation science research on endangered species, restoration effectiveness, and invasive species mapping to inform both our own and partner stewardship efforts.
- Training volunteer docents to teach students in the classroom and visitors to the Laguna Environmental Center about the Laguna's important role in our watershed.
- Bringing school groups to the Laguna for explorations of this unique habitat.
- Educating community members about the Laguna's complex wetland ecosystem through our public events that include workshops, lectures, guided nature walks and hands-on, science-based activities.