Position Description for: Tribal Youth Wildlife Intern

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak: Natural Resources Department  
Compensation Level: $15/hour  
Effective Date: 1/30/2017, Application Due Date: Open until filled  
Hours: 37.5 hours/week, with occasional work on the weekends  
Supervision by: Natural Resources Director (Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak)

SUMMARY:  
Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak is offering a Tribal youth wildlife internship with primary funding by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The purpose of this internship is to provide an opportunity for a Tribal youth to participate in wildlife research, monitoring, and management conducted by local wildlife professionals and management agencies. An additional goal is to encourage youth to pursue college-level education in natural resources studies. The intern will gain a solid understanding of wildlife ecology and management and become exposed to various wildlife, habitat, and vegetation monitoring techniques. The intern will work with collaborating agencies on various management and research projects on Kodiak, Afognak, and surrounding islands, and see a working model of collaborative efforts between Tribal, state and federal partners.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist field staff with activities associated with wildlife tracking and monitoring
- Assist with wildlife population composition surveys
- Assist with vegetation surveys and plant collection
- Enter data into large databases and help manage multiple databases
- Assist with data analysis
- Maintain daily field logs
- Present internship and data findings in a public setting (forum or seminar)

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Intern must have proof of current enrollment in a Federally-recognized Tribe or have Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB or CDIB)
- Must be within 18 to 25 years of age
- Able to lift up to 40 pounds and be able to traverse rough terrain for extended distances
- Hold a valid state Driver’s License
- Submit to random drug-testing, and be drug-free in the workplace
- Preference will be given to candidates with proven backcountry experience and ability to work in a remote location with limited communication
- Preference will be given to candidates with GPS experience and plant identification
- Intern must be self-motivated, willing to work long hours and able to work independently or as a member of a team
- Ability to occasionally camp in remote areas for extended periods of time
- Experience with performing fieldwork in inclement weather under strenuous conditions in a northern maritime climate
• Individuals with experience traveling in brown bear country are encouraged to apply
• Intern must be willing to sign a volunteer agreement with partnering agencies

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:
• High school student with plans of pursuing higher education, or be a high school graduate
• Have a strong interest in wildlife ecology and management

DATES/DURATION:
12 week internship with flexible start date (mid-late May) and ending date (mid-late August).

WHAT WE PROVIDE:
• Shared housing at no charge
• Food provided while at field camps; receive a $25/day food allowance when in Kodiak
• Necessary field gear: waterproof boots, rain jacket and rain pants
• Training: water, boat, bear awareness safety, First Aid/CPR training, laboratory and field safety, Alutiiq cultural training, and fieldwork orientation.

TO APPLY:

Please email requested information in one document to:

Finance Director, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak
Email: financediector@sunaq.org
Phone: (907) 486-4449
Address: 312 W. Marine Way
Kodiak, AK 99615

In your email, please include cover letter (including Tribal affiliation), current resume, contact information for three references, and include the subject line “Tribal Youth Wildlife Intern”.

Please do not provide any personal information, such as social security number or Tribal enrollment information in the application. At the start of employment, the intern must have proof of current enrollment in a Federally-recognized Tribe or have Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB or CDIB).

Thank you for your interest in this position. For duty-specific information, please contact Kelly Krueger (kkrueger@sunaq.org).

Approved: __________________________ Date: 1/30/2017

Tribal Administrator