

## Great Salt Lake Nature Center Internship

Come and explore the great outdoors, and share your appreciation of nature with families, tourists, and students alike! The Great Salt Lake Nature Center is nestled between the Great Salt Lake and the Wasatch Mountains, along the edge of Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). Farmington Bay WMA encompasses of 18,000 acres of prime wetland habitat, where approximately five million migratory birds make their annual stopovers.

The Great Salt Lake Nature Center lies on the border between urban expansion and native wetlands, so it is ideally situated to educate and inform the public. Over 3,000 students per year visit the Nature Center on school field trips, and around 80,000 visitors come to Farmington Bay annually. To keep up with these ever-growing numbers, we are seeking a motivated Conservation Education Intern who can aid the Great Salt Lake Nature Center Director in hosting the Nature Center, assisting visitors, leading school and scouting field trips, and developing displays, exhibits and programs. The Intern will also work closely with Volunteer Naturalists and may also assist with recruitment and training.

The ideal candidate for this position should possess the following:

- At least 2 years college background in biology, wildlife science, education, or some related field
- The energy and patience to teach children of all ages, learning levels, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to work independently and be self-motivated
- Creative thinking skills to develop new ideas for educational displays and field trip stations
- Willingness to work outdoors under all types of weather conditions

Currently the Nature Center is staffed by a single state employee, so the Nature Center hours have been limited to weekdays. This results in many lost opportunities for educating the public. One of the intern's duties may be to staff the Nature Center on Saturdays and possibly Sundays in order to better meet public demand. Weekend shifts will most likely be required!

This internship provides a great opportunity to learn about the Great Salt Lake ecosystem, wetland management strategies, and environmental education. Apply for a chance to work in one of the most beautiful wetland areas in the world!

For information about becoming an intern at the Great Salt Lake Nature Center at Farmington Bay, contact Diana Vos at (801) 589-2373 or e-mail [dianavos@utah.gov](mailto:dianavos@utah.gov)