**A Rocha USA Volunteer Internship Opportunities**

A Rocha USA is currently recruiting for (up to) 3 internship opportunities in NW Washington State. Located on a beautiful 17-acre property just outside the small town of Lynden, A Rocha is establishing a new field center and looking for interns to help in several different ways. As this is a new endeavor, we are especially looking for people who would be instrumental in helping plan, design, and contribute to the vision of how this property can and will be used.

**Timeline:** At this point, these times can be flexible based on your availability. Please contact us with times that would work for you.

**Winter** (Dec – April)

**Summer** (May – August)

***Internship Programs:***While these are mostly designed for work on the Field Center property, some work will be required off-site. Combinations of the programs are a possibility and may at times be expected. All require the ability to work independently and with a team. Supervision of volunteers will be required.

While the separate internship programs will help define your work, the first priority of interns will be the community life. As such you will be expected to contribute and participate in that community (including chores, cooking, cleaning, buying groceries, property maintenance and hosting visitors).

***Conservation Intern:***

* Develop and participate in fish and wildlife conservation and enhancement projects, native plantings and various ecological surveys
* Develop property management plans for the field center property but also as part of our local land management assistance program
* Become familiar with the basic “green” architectural elements on the property and research and design plans for adding to these elements
* Research and develop resource materials related to good stewardship
* Assist with the development of a native plant nursery

***Sustainable Agriculture:***

* Design long-term plans for sustainable agriculture on the field center property
* Gain valuable experience in small-scale sustainable agriculture/community shared agriculture (CSA)
* Assist in the planning, management and implementation the garden season
* Do physical labor outdoors - planting, harvesting, weeding, watering in the garden
* Collect productivity data on farm sites around the community

***Environmental Education:***

* Research, create and design curricula for adult and/or children’s education programs.
* Recruit and implement these programs.
* Connect with community members, schools or organizations to begin to establish future partnerships.
* Lead activities for school programs, daycamps, community education, summer camps and community events both on and off-site

Other possible opportunities that we will consider for internships: ***Administration, Outreach and Fundraising, Hospitality***

***Community Life:***  Interns will be expected to live onsite and contribute to and participate in the community life on the property. The house has some interesting “green” architectural components and opportunities to develop more. As such, learning about the house and property and helping to take care of and maintain the property will be a high priority for everyone living onsite.

There will be a host couple living in the house and frequent visitors. This means interns will need to get along with and be host to people who may think differently. This will contribute to the rich and rewarding internship experience.

**Cost: Room and Board**

$600/month

**To get the application process rolling, please submit via email to Dave Timmer (****nwwashington@arocha.org****)**

1.   A current Resume and Cover Letter expressing:

  - why you want to volunteer with A Rocha USA in NW Washington

  - what program area(s) you are most interested in volunteering

  - when you wish to come: Winter / Summer or a combination

2.   3 references and their contact info (phone, email)

3.  A recognition of the Room and Board fee and whether you are able to cover the cost of your stay here.

**Contact Information: Feel free to contact with questions.**

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