

A Rocha USA

Summer 2017 Media Intern/Volunteer Information

Open to rising high school seniors and above

Application Deadline: April 30th



WHO WE ARE

A Rocha (uh RAW sha) is an international family of Christian ecological conservation organizations. Our name is Portuguese for “the rock” and is titled for an actual place in the Algarve region of southern Portugal where A Rocha got its start over thirty years ago.

A Rocha has projects in Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ghana, India, Kenya, Lebanon, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda, the UK, and the USA. While all of these projects share the same A Rocha heart and vision, each one is designed specifically to meet the needs of its local place.

All A Rocha organizations adhere to a set of affectionately known as the “5 Cs:”

- We are **CHRISTIAN**. Underlying all we do is our biblical faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society.
- We conduct **CONSERVATION** projects. We carry out research for the conservation and restoration of the natural world and run environmental programs for people of all ages.
- We live and work in **COMMUNITY**. Through our commitment to God, each other and the wider creation, we aim to develop good relationships both within the A Rocha family and in our local communities.
- We are **CROSS-CULTURAL**. We draw on the insights and skills of people from diverse cultures, both locally and around the world in our 20 project countries.
- Our work is done in **COOPERATION**. We work in partnership with a wide variety of organizations and individuals who share our concerns for a sustainable world

In the United States, our mission is to inspire and equip Christians to know and love their local places through practical, community-focused conservation. Among environmental groups, A Rocha stands out as an organization combining conservation science and action with faith. Our advocacy is done in three main ways:

- Hands-on conservation and community development projects
- Environmental education
- Scientific research

We see care for creation as a worshipful response to God in recognition that all things have been created through and for Jesus, in him all things hold together, and through his death and resurrection, all things are redeemed. As we look toward the life of the world to come and wait for Christ to return and make all things new, we also believe that God has invited us to participate in the work of redemption by lovingly relating to God, one another, and the rest of creation. When we care for our places—our watersheds, backyards, and community gardens—we honor the earth God has given us and, in so doing, honor God.

Through our work, we want to help people reawaken to the wonder and significance of God's creation. Our hope is that Christians would better understand our relationship with God's full creation and our responsibility to help it flourish.

One of the ways we are doing that is by cultivating a wide range of practical resources and creating opportunities to partner with A Rocha and network with others who are doing this work in their communities. Currently, we are developing resources for Conservation@Church, @Home, and @School.

One of our primary Conservation@Church resources is our Creation Care Camp Curriculum. This summer, A Rocha USA is releasing Year One of a new curriculum, Wild Wonder, designed for elementary-aged kids. Through daily devotions in scripture, nature study and exploration, and hands-on science activities, the camp weaves wonder of the natural world into a deeper knowledge of Jesus who created it.

As part of the Wild Wonder launch, we are running a pilot program for a handful of churches that will get the curriculum for free in exchange for feedback and photos and stories we can use for marketing purposes. Because four (+) of our pilot sites are in the Nashville area, we are looking for an intern to take high-quality video and photos for future use.

MEDIA INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Terms: June-July 2017
Total of approximately 60 hours, distribution of hours will vary by week
Hours are negotiable as needed for school credit
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Reporting to: Ashlee Grishaber, Communications Director, A Rocha USA
Logistical coordination and other local support will be provided by Bethany Winz, Wild Wonder Pilot Coordinator, and other members of the local team

Location: Work will take place remotely, with weekly phone meetings with the Director of Communications for A Rocha USA and meetings with other individuals as needed. Site visits to camp pilots for taking video will also be required.

Requirements: Laptop with internet access, transportation, camera equipment (for both videos and photos), editing software, flexible weekday schedule when needed.

Overview: Intern will be expected to take high-quality video of camp activities at local pilot sites and produce a short video(s) that A Rocha USA can use for marketing purposes. Intern will also take high-quality still photos. A Rocha USA will have rights to all video and photos produced by the intern for the internship. Regular progress updates will be sent to the Director of Communications, who will have final creative oversight of the deliverables produced.

Job Description

- Take video of camp activities at local pilot sites
- Take video interviews of camp directors at local pilot sites
- Create short videos for marketing & informational purposes (include action & interviews)
- Take still photos of camp activities
- Sort and edit photos as needed
- Provide regular progress updates to Communications Director
- Provide raw photos and video to Communications Director for social media use during camp hours
- Send all finished materials to the Communications Director

Recommended Attributes

- Self-starter
- Independent
- Takes direction well
- Videography skills and experience
- Video editing skills and experience
- Photography skills and experience
- Photo editing skills and experience
- Creative
- Flexible
- Team player
- Clear communicator
- An affinity with the faith-based approach to care of the earth
- Dedicated to completing tasks on time and well
- Works well with children

To apply, email your resume to hello@arocha.us by April 30th. Include links to relevant work experience and a list of skills, including editing software expertise and what camera equipment you use/own.