

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful info@keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org 408-372-7053

Naturalist Internship

Timeframe:

- June 2021 September 2021 with opportunity to continue
- 5-10 hours per month

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful is a community-based organization with a vision of a vibrant Coyote Creek: clean waters, abundant wildlife, and natural beauty that everyone can enjoy. We mobilize community resources and participation, and engage community members to become the creek's advocates and caretakers.

Position Summary

This part-time position is an opportunity to combine a love of nature and Coyote Creek in our hands-on BioBlitz program. The position will be in-person on one or two weekend days per month at a park in the San Jose area.

The ideal candidate works well in a team, is knowledgeable about biodiversity and nature, detail-oriented, and will bring enthusiasm to their work. Candidates should have experience as a naturalist and excellent communication skills to share their love of nature. Additionally, they should have a good working knowledge of iNaturalist, the main tool we use during a BioBlitz.

This position is under the direction of the program manager, but has a minimum three month commitment during the timeframe. Intern must be able to drive to locales along Coyote Creek to participate in the events. Depending on the intern's performance and availability, the internship can extend beyond this timeframe. The internship is unpaid, but credit may be given towards a course or independent study.

Responsibilities

- Provide naturalist docent duties to show nature to small groups of people
- Discuss integration of elements of nature within at least one specific niche (e.g., plants, birds, macroinvertebrates, mammals)
- Demonstrate to participants/explorers how to take and record observations into iNaturalist
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- Take photographs at BioBlitz events of people and share with KCCB
- Obtain anecdotal comments from attendees and share them with the program manager
- Write a monthly blog about your experiences at the events

Preferred Qualifications

- Strong interest in environmental and nature / environmental education
- Excellent communication skills to all age groups to explain nature in a simple manner
- Proficiency with iNaturalist and basic Google applications

Application Process

Please send a cover letter why you would be the ideal intern and your resume to info@keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org. Visit our website at keepcoyotecreekbeautiful.org for more information about us.